

July 3, 1864

My Beloved Son,

. . . I have paid the government all the confiscated debt they would take of me amounting to \$30,000. (We have but few goods on hand and unless we get them by Borden's train from the Rio Grande, shall probably soon close out what we have and discontinue business until after the war. All blockade running out and into this river seems to be effectively ended. A steam blockader lies close into our bar which renders ingress and egress successfully almost an impossibility. There are now seven schooners laying up here not thinking of getting out; a number of them having taken their cargoes of cotton out of them.

I write you by every person going to your headquarters and regularly over Sunday, but surely from your statements you get but few of our letters. Don't let that prevent your frequent, writing, my dear son. As our anxiety to hear from you, you can only estimate by your own to obtain letters from home. I sent you in a letter which I enclosed to McMatham Dilbert to go by D _____ \$300 in \$5 bills which I hope will reach you safely and which may enable you to purchase some little comforts that you could not procure without money. . .

Your ever loving and affectionate father.

A. Underwood