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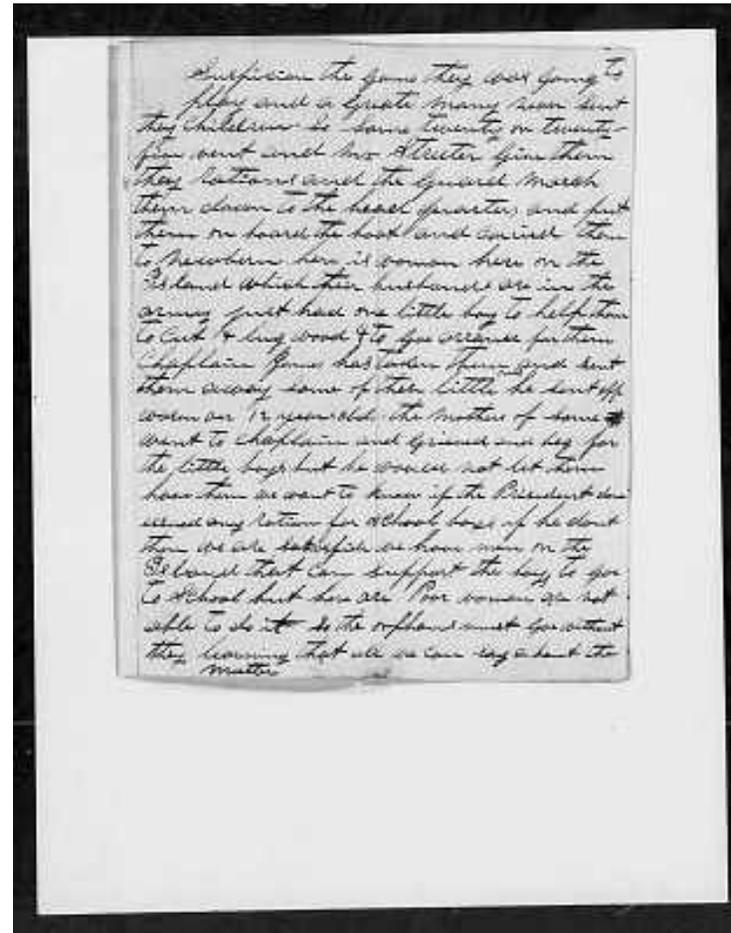
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Suspicion the game they was going to play and a greate many never sent they children. so some twenty or twenty-five went and Mr. Streeter give them they rations and the guard march them down to the head quarters and put them on board the boat and carried them to newbern, here is woman here on the Island which their husbands are in the army just had one little boy to help them to cut & lug wood & to goe arrance for them Chaplain James has taken them and sent them away some of these little ones he sent off wasen [[oer?]] 12 years old the mothers of some [[illegible strikethrough]] went to Chaplain and grieved and beg for the little boys but he would not let them have them we want to know if the President done issued and ration for school boys if he dont then we are satisfied we have men on the Island that can support the boys to goe to school but here are poor woman are not able to do it so the orphans must goe without they learning that all we can say a bout the matter



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