Dear Brother,

I write myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you. We are well at present. Hoping when these few lines reach you they may find you enjoying the same great blessing.

Pa has been very sick since he wrote to you last with the YellowJaundice, which lasted him about a fortnight. There are several of the Brunswick Negroes in the county at this time.

Ma says you must get a furlough as soon as you can and come home to see us once more. The people seem to be very much excited in this part of the country about the Yankees taking Roanoke Island.

The time is very near at hand when the militia will be drafted, and some of them are scared nearly to death. They are trying every scheme they can think of to get out of the war. We had a great deal of bad rainy weather this winter. It is hailing and snowing at this time. There has been two or three deaths in this neighborhood lately. Mr. Massey and Naboring Braswell. Alfred talks of coming home before long if he can.

He wrote word that he was going to try to get the Pa to give him a discharge.

Ma and all the children send their love to you. Ma says don't you reenlist yet, hold on a while longer and see what the chances will be.
Lark was at a quilting at Mrs. Foswell last night.
He said they had a very lively time. Give my love to all
inquiring friends received a large portion your selfe.
I must close by asking you to return bad writing and spelling
I remain your affectionate sister until death.

Amanda F Rawling
Dear Biont

Brunswick County, July 11th, 1863

I have again taken this occasion to answer your letter of the 12th of January which came to me last Thursday and was very glad when from you and hoping that your health still improving. I have seen several of the Brunswick troops since they arrived home and told me that you looked very well when they left the camp.

Some of the people are getting very much alarmed owing to the Yankees landing a large army on the coast of Maryland. They have taken Blount Island and Elizabeth City and Edenton and can land as many men there as they want. The Yankees are threatening to land in Great Bridge and Norfolk. The militia have been called out in Southampton in a map and some of them in Brunswick are training in their boots. Expecting every day to be called out. The spirit of volunteering has been revived considerably within the last few weeks in this County. Maj. H. C. Buford has made up a Company further organize and will be ready to start off to the seat of war in a few days. A another Company from Greensville on the lower edge of Brunswick will organize in a few days. I have understood that one or two new companies have been formed in Mathews County. I have not been here. I have been in Mathews County. I have not been there.

And Gilman called by the other day and handed you my twenty-five dollars which he said you sent by him one and he also deposited Eighty-five dollars with your Ma.

Mr. John Wright's wife and have been delivered to her the farm is very backward with work owing to the bad weather. We nearly den ploughing corn.
I have just commenced taking the list of Property & the weather has been so bad I am getting along very slow. I understand that several of Robinson Company have reenlisted for two years longer. I suppose agreeable to the late Militia Law passed by the Legislature if a volunteer reenlist he will have to serve two years more if I was in your place I would not reenlist yet a while, if you get the chance to come home we would be very glad to see you.

If you don't want to reenlist don't them scare you into by telling of you that you will be thrown back with the Militia. If you have to go with this militia you will have credit for the one year that you have served. I had rather take my chance with the militia then to under go what you all have. The neighbors are all very well so far as I know. See the King. Bally that they are all well. The school is all well. I have not seen you for some time. I have nothing new at present to write only reminding you Best. SC

Flo Rawlings.