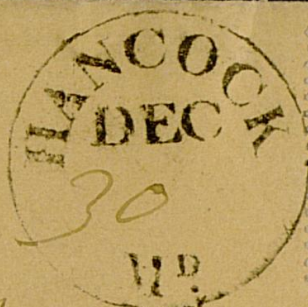




Mr Cha^s Boardman
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1861

c. 600, Dec 29, 1861
— War with England?

Dear Father Dec 29th 1861

I received your letter dated Dec 18th and was very glad to hear that you were all so well. I had not written because we were moving about so much, I sent you a letter the day before I received yours, and sent you a 25 cent note, that I got out of a store here where they receive them in payment for goods, there is a great many secessionists here, the 13th Mass. have a man named Swan one of the signers of the secession ordinance of Virginia, prisoner on parole, he has to report 3 times a day. Mudge had a rupture, ^{which was} the reason of his discharge. I should like to see the 11th Regt., we are having very fine weather. Col Ferry

arrived here night before last;
he was received by cheers from
all the companies, the Band played
"Hail to the Chief," he is very
much liked. Col Ferry has or-
dered 60,000 feet-Boards to
floor the tents. to day there
is a rumor that we are going
to march ~~to day~~ Tuesday.
Montgomery has wrote a letter
and is writing one to day. the
English news is the only news of
importance. the men most all
say that if there is a war with
England they will enlist for the
war. so hoping this will find you
all well, I close

Yours A. A. Bowman