

A Bout the War

The war is a very wrong thing and it is dreadful to think of. That people become so hard hearted that they would go and kill each other. just because they will not do as they wish to be done by. I believe that this war has all occurred from conceit. or from such people that do not gain more then at right. for instance the southern with slavery they would never be satisfied. it would still have more and more till at last it has so far extended that they ~~some~~ could not keep them in there states what had been occupied with slavery but would have them into the new territories. and this was considered very wrong and as they could not have their stubborn will about that they rebelled against the constitution. and took up arms against the union. and the president called out men to defend the public rights. and they have already had ^{many} a good battle and there has been a great many lives lost and it seems that the worst is not over yet. and I believe that slavery is very wrong and ought to continue no longer because the black man is created by the same creator as the white man. and why should they not be free just as well as the white man. why should they not own property as well as the white man. why should they not enjoy the same enjoyment as the white man. why should they be bound to hard labor for there life thime. I believe that slavery should be put away with. I believe that it ^{had} would be no more wrong if they who have been in the slave trade would be taken and put to hard labor for there life then it is that they buy and sell the negroes as we do our horses. man was born to labor but to his own pleasure not to the pleasure of others. although I believe that we should obey