Br. Brig "Ann"

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Dear Doctor,

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For the last nine month I have seen in American papers various accounts of the preparation of an iron-clad vessel by the Rebels, that was to sink or otherwise destroy the entire Federal navy, the latest reports however up to March represented that said iron clad ship had sunk in dock from the immense weight of her iron covering. I did not for a moment doubt its truth, and really wish'd, that it was so.

You may judge of the shock experienced when on opening an April number of the London Illustrated News, the first page gave us the particulars of the first appearance of the Monitor in Hampton Roads, and her rapid destruction of the Cumberland — imagination ran away with me, the most loyal and patriotic of your Federal men, could not have drawn a more agonizing picture of wreck, ruin and discomfiture, than was depicted to me; it require several minutes to recover from the shock, and subsequent dejection produced by the appalling news, these having passed and the reading of the paper resumed, I saw an account of the opportune arrival of the Monitor, of the terrible conflict, the success — I had to hurra some, could'nt help, it was light, hope, joy in the place of darkness, despondency and grief. Well I can't describe to you my delacy, the relief from a load that was crushing. Few among our people here can understand why a man so far removed from your land, having apparantly so little at stake in your contest, should thus permit himself to be carried away in feeling by what is now transpiring in the U. States — yet you can well understand whence it arises, how, for long and wearying years my mind has dwell upon and bin absorbed by the one idea, the emancipation of my race.

"The war is not for emancipation", it is simply to crush rebellion. Very Well! I am not particular about the name — I am certain of one thing however which is, that the rebellion, and slavery are so intimately connected, that they will live or die togather. The great North have not been sufficiently aroused to her work. It is still too clearly and painfully manifest, among the conservatives at the North the disposition to temporise, to compromise, to hold out the Olive branch — in a word to reconstruct with the old pro-slavery guarantees & protectives, but thank God Almighty it can't be done. The Rebels must be recognised as an Independent Southern Confederacy, or must be subdued, they may by a mistaken policy be gently dealt with, but they look upon

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