

[TO: ELIAS CARR, Esq., SPARTA, N.C.]

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Mr Carr

Dear Sir

Your welcome letter received this morning, I start tomorrow for the land of bliss namely North Carolina, where debts can not reach one and debts are drowned in gulfs and smashes. The "philanthropist" refused to returned to his home at early dawn in good health and spirits, he is still unable to see as much as I can.

I shall take a turn among my trading friends and then patiently wait for June to come, so far the season has been a good one, my sales are over last year, but being unable to keep the store, you will see me just as poor as ever, regrets are useless, and although my affairs are in a desperate condition, I am so little used to prosperity that a good square dose of it would kill me, consequently like advice I avoid it, Pardon this very short epistle, there are bills waiting to be mailed and stock books to be footed, and as I intend to

start tomorrow at 8:30 Am, I have many
things to do in a short space of time,
Accept my thanks for your very kind
invitation to come down, I assure you it
gives me great pleasure to avail myself
of the privilege.

With the kindest regards to Mrs C and
the boys I am

Most Respectfully
Yours Friend
W J Bruce