

Goldstboro N.C. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1868

Messrs A. T. Bruce & Co.

Gentlemen,

My Brother Elias  
Carr suggests to me to write you  
for some assistance in making my  
presant crop, thinking in all probability  
that you would do so. To make the  
presant crop say one hundred bales of  
Cotton & five hundred bbls of corn  
it will take an advance to me of  
ten bbls of Pork & one thousand dollars  
in money. Should you be willing  
to make this advance to me, my  
Brother Elias Carr will endorse the  
same. I am expecting to become  
in possession of funds in the Spring  
but that will be too late to make a  
crop. The cause of my shortness  
of money is that I drew on my crop  
early in the fall to pay an old debt  
& my crop came in much shorter  
& sold lower than I expected.

An early reply will much oblige

Yours Very Respect

M. B. Carr