

Sparta N.C.
Sept 21st 1868

Mr Elias Carr

Warrenton N.C.

Dear Sir

I am now busy picking out
Cotton I has hired 3 hands besides your
old ones, also all of Peter's this week as
his Cotton is not ready for him

I has made some inquiry about what people
was paying hands to pick out 30¢ ~~or~~ 100
and board them some only 10¢ and the
hand board him self

I am hiring all the hands I can for
I think it best

Your old hands ar grumbling about
hiring found pickers, that they was
making the money -

Uncle Jesse is picking out, also Emanuel
Jesse's son is wuk him sick and Alin
and Milly Ann It seems that the
halth of the people do not improve abit

Arion has gone to work again it
is a hard chance to hire a workman
now it seems - Negro's get meaner the
nearer the Election

Respectfully
A. J. Madson