

"Boston Place", N.C.

24th May 1877.

Dear Elias

Without any of your favours to
reply to. I write you a few lines to say that
I should be pleased to hear from you at any
time - as I feel an abiding interest in all
that ^{appertains} to you and yours - I was in Waverlin
yesterday and learned through W. Parker
that you ~~had~~ had plowed up your Cotton
Many of our farmers have done the same and
more of them would have done ^{so}, if they had
had seed. generally a very imperfect stand -
indeed all who planted before the last days of
April - I have a very poor stand - shall either
replant with Corn or beans or it may be with
Lobe have not determined which -

How did you come to publish my letter about
Sroom gosh. - its old Col. Jos. G. Green told. Now
S. Ransom when he wrote a history of his life

he would excuse, if he did not put any pictures
in the book. so I will excuse ^{you} as you did not
publish my name. It was certainly not intend-
ed for publication, or I would have taken a
little pains in writing it. and besides I have
an aversion to any thing that is calculated to
make one conspicuous.

But enough of this;
My object in writing this, is to know if the
"Old North State Insurance Co." can't borrow
some money from you on undoubted security,
and at a full rate of interest, to be paid annually.
The "Co" have met with many losses recently &
under the pressure of time, find it difficult
to meet their liabilities. It might be enough,
for me to say, that an investment with them,
would be all safe. but I will state to you the
condition of the Co. in a few words. The Capital
Stock is \$100000. "one half of which is secured by
Mortgages on Real Estate duly registered. only 5 per
cent of the ~~stock~~ ^{original} ~~whole~~ stock, has been paid
in & they have nearly money enough here the Co.
if we could collect it, to pay all the liabilities, but

we can't collect under the pressure of the times,
in time, to meet the liabilities - and they would
prefer to borrow rather than make an assessment
on the Stockholders - I shall be pleased to hear
from you on this subject. they would be glad
to borrow from one to five Thousand Dollars.

While the Co, I know, is perfectly solvent,
they would prefer, ~~than~~ wanting to borrow
should not be known, it might prejudice
their standing, therefore I hope you will
regard ^{this} as a confidential letter.

With warmest ^{love} for your family I
remain as ever yr affectionate Uncle
J. Busten Williams

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