

ITO Elias Cart. Old Spots, N.C.]

OFFICE OF

BATTLE, BUNN & CO.

COTTON FACTORS AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Norfolk, Va., Nov 6th 1879

Dear Father,

I was offered by Rountree & Co of N.Y a position with them, Mr Rountree had no idea of interfering with any arrangements made between Bunn & myself, in fact he is not the kind of man to do so, Of course his conversation with me was strictly confidential, & I would not dare mention it to any one but yourself, You of course will consider this between us, I do not think I can live in Norfolk, on the salary I get, & keep as friends & associates those gentlemen whom I have met, I have not known what it was to be without a father's love & care, & thus far I have indeed availed myself of it, For this reason alone, I do not care to call on you again, In New York

I could live cheaper, & the social line
in life is not so tightly drawn as here,
there I would not be known or cared
for, & a little common sense would
teach me, that I would not have
the money to indulge myself, I
have talked plainly, as you have al-
ways taught me, Hoping that my
opinions may not be too hastily for-
med, in your estimations, & that they
may meet with your approval, I re-
main your devoted,

Son,

I shall change my boarding house. I have been
at the Atlantic,