

Raleigh, N. C.

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Gen S. D. Atkins.

My dear General,

Yrs to hand, crossing
mine on the way. The best thing,
it seems to me, you can do, is to
get a live Illinois man to
come down & take the lease.
If that can't be done, I recom-
mend that you get Mr Elias
Carr to act as agent for you.
He lives near by, can see how
the stipulations of the lease are
carried out, knows the farm,
how much it should rent for and
to whom it will do to rent to.
My duties (under our system of
rotating the judges) is putting me
every year farther and farther
off. I am glad to be of any ser-
vice to you or your children
but I don't think I can do

justice to their interests situated
as I am.

I think if you will write to
Mr Carr he may consent to take
charge of the matter and you
can not possibly get a better
man to represent you.

Yours truly

Walter Clark.