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Col Elias Carr,  
Old Shortt, N.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Charles Vines, who has a lease of the Swain plantation, proposes to surrender it.

I supposed that Judge Walter Clark and Hon. R. H. Battle, trustees of the estate of Mrs Swain, would attend to releasing it. Judge Clark writes me that his judicial duties preclude his giving it his attention, and thinks I might induce you to attend to cutting it for the heirs of Mrs Swain, my daughter, Eleanor and Julie. I incline you Judge Clark's letter to me. I could not induce an Illinois man to go to N.C. I would not expect you to give it such attention as you give your own plantation, but simply to do the best you see by renting it to some reliable man. Present income, although needed by my children, would not be so great a consideration as their permanent best interests by keeping up the plantation. I think the dwelling house and cotton gin

should be repaired, ditches cleaned out, etc,  
and such things might be done by the Government  
on a five year lease, if you should be  
fortunate enough to find some certainly reliable  
person to lease it. In short, Colonel, if you  
will try to rent it, and look after it, you can  
do so on just such terms and conditions  
as you would if it belonged to children of  
your own. A Mr. G. Morgan, of old Skarto,  
wrote me desiring to know terms, etc, but I referred  
his letter to Col Clark before receiving from Col  
Clark the letter herewith enclosed. Trusting that  
you will kindly consent to undertake the  
business, I am, Colonel,

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. B. Becking