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Freeport, Ill., Sept. 13th 1889.

Dear Colonel:

Your esteemed favor of the 7th inst is received. I am inclined to defer entirely to your judgment in the management of the plantation belonging to my children, and therefore readily consent to the expenditures of twenty dollars on one house as suggested in your letter. I also wish you to use your own judgment as to renting the plantation.

I thank you for your congratulations on my reappointment as P.M. in this city, a position I filled from immediately after the close of the war until the election of Mr. Cleveland.

I do not understand

very well the tax laws of
N.C., and trust that you have,
or will, attend to the payment of
taxes, &c.

I am quite too busy to
have time for condolence,
with Genl Estlin on his po-
litical misfortunes.

I have been endeavoring to
convince the Democrats of the
errors of their ways ever since
I was old enough to vote, and am
hopeful that the Southern Democrats
will yet be converted to the
doctrine of Protection and
Republicanism. You doubtless
think the time far off, but
truth is patient and can
afford to wait, "the eternal
Years of God's are hers."

Very Truly Yours
Smith D. Atkins

Col Chas Carr
Old Sparta.
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