

Raleigh N.C. Feb. 15th 1891

My dear Capt.

I have been here since Wednesday. The only pronounced candidates for Commissioners of Raleigh are Coke Leach & Beddingfield. Col. Geo. Williamson who has been here retired from the field in a car in this morning. He is very bitter towards Beddingfield. It seems B as Sec. of the Alliance issued soon after the election in Nov. a circular to the Alliance members elect urging them to make no pledges etc - perhaps you have seen the circular. While the bill had become a law, and yet before the accomplishment of this fact he is an avowed candidate & informed Leach that he had a dead sure thing of it. Col. Geo. thinks it a great outrage that he, B, should have chosen every body's mouth, only for the purpose of afterwards getting in his own words - that he should degrade the Alliance by doing this kind of work. Leach cornered him yesterday - he disclaimed having used his position in the Alliance to promote his candidacy - Leach then said to him "how is this you are so sure of being elected"

To this he had nothing to say. Another very ugly story is in circulation about him told by Capt John H Winder. He went to him, Winder, and desired to make some arrangement with him about riding on the Railroad. Winder supposing he wanted a free pass turned to his clerk to tell him to fill up a pass for Mr. B. "No, I don't want a pass," he said, "I want to make an arrangement with you by which I can travel over your roads for a mere nominal sum". "Well what sum" said Mr. Winder, "do you want to pay". "Well" said B. "make it for a cent a mile"; and Capt W. so arranged it. I fear the young man is over-ambitious without the necessary discretion to conceal it, and to act judiciously.

I can only form some idea of my position from the fact that both Leach and Coker want to form a combination with me. Of course I don't propose doing anything of the kind. Coker is regarded by many as the R & D Candidate. I have yet said nothing definite to any member of the Legislature. Both Furman & Hobbs came to me & rendered their services in my behalf. Also our former King-Door-keeper of this House. My Rep

Hileman has been home sick for more than a week - I had a letter from Curran this A.M. informing me that he would be here to day or to-morrow and that he will not favor me.

I am going to have a talk with Adrey & Hoon to-morrow. Peebles is making an effort to get Judge Dilliana to consent to go on the Commission, but it is thought that he would not accept. Will you not please write me a letter about once as you wrote me two years ago. It will be of great use to me and will be appreciated.

The bill will not finally pass until Wednesday
I hear nothing of dearys
Your friend
C. McDonald

Bro Carr

Read this letter and

let me know what you
think ought to be done - I think
you should examine into this

thing - Yours faithfully

L. B. A.