

SENATE CHAMBER,

Raleigh, N. C., March 4 1891

Col Elias Carr

Dear Sir

Upon receipt of your telegram I consulted with several of your friends among them Col Skinner who had proposed before to record your nomination, and we agreed that your name should not be presented to the caucus, and the telegram saying that you could not serve was known to have been received by nearly every member of the caucus, & I was very much surprised when Col Skinner presented your name & would have read the telegram and withdrawn it.

immediately destroyed prevented by
the advice of several strong
alliance friends sitting over me
among them Mr Holman
There would have been no doubt
about your election or first
ballot if the telegram had not
been shown, ^{I kept in my pocket all day before showing} it & might now
that I showed it at all to any one, be-
cause I much preferred you to
Beddingfield as a commissioner
However I think it is better
as it is for without a great change
in public sentiment Edgecombe
will have the honor of presenting
the next Governor of the State
which would not ^{have} been if you were a
N.H. Commissioner

Truly your friend
W. H. Speight