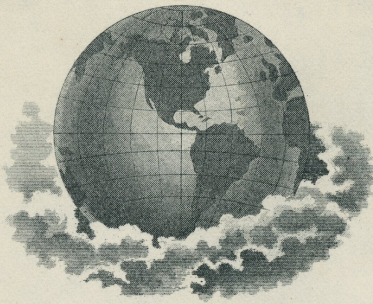


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Chicago, Ill. U.S.A. April 2, 1891.



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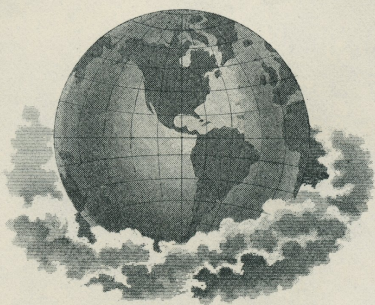
Old Sparta, N.C.

My Dear Sir:--

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., I desire to congratulate you upon the successful outcome of the North Carolina work in aid of the Exposition. I am sure, from what I have learned from other sources, that yourself and assistants were largely responsible for the excellent result of that work.

I am peculiarly gratified with your endorsement of the suggestion made by me, relative to stirring up sentiment among individuals throughout the State to become exhibitors. The knowledge that awards will be made for comparative points of excellence will, in my judgment, tend to make the exhibits of much better character than they would otherwise be.

I shall take pleasure in placing before you some suggestions relative to the question of exhibits within a few weeks, which I shall submit for your judgment and consideration.



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I note what you say relative to the appointment of your son in some branch of the work of the Exposition. I propose that in the recommendation of parties for employment in this Department, special fitness for the work to be done, shall be one requirement, and the other, that they shall be identified with the branch of work to which they will be assigned. I should be happy to be of service to you, can I do so, and would suggest that you have filed with the Director-General, Hon. George R. Davis, an application for your son, and endorsed by your State Farmers' Alliance, and a letter from the two Commissioners from North Carolina, Mr. J. C. Keogh and Mr. Andrews; both of whom are well-known to the Director-General, and whose influence would have considerable weight.

In this connection, I might state that in all probability, I shall make no recommendations for appointments for some months yet, and that I shall take pleasure in bearing your matter in mind when the time arrives.

Yours very truly,

*W. J. Buchanan*  
Chief, Dep't of Agriculture.