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Dear Elias

While to see you the other Sunday
My intention was to have a little private
talk with reference to your Candidacy
for Gov or State Treas, I did not find
you strong so expected, and company
coming in; the subject was not mentioned
The personal interest I have in you and
your welfare, may make me appear
as intruding, I trust, however, you
will not so consider it, Therefore I
will say to you, if you have any idea
of permitting your name to be put
before the people as a Candidate
for Gov, or State Treas, I think it
Time for your friends to know it.
I feel warranted in saying you would

have no trouble in getting the nomination
for either office, if you will let it
be known at once, you will accept
Impressing around among the people,
As I have had occasion to do here of
late. I am constantly being asked
will you be a candidate, or would
you accept the nomination, if
tended, I can only say, I am
not in a position to answer.

Returning from Washington, a few
days ago. While in Greenville I
dropped in to see Gov. Jarvis, just
from New Bern. The first
thing, he took me a side, and
asked, would you be a candidate
or accept for either office, I
could not tell him, I think he is
earnest & enthusiastic for you.
and thinks it time to let your
friends know, says Bin. is working

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hard to secure pledges. It seems many
of the petitions were at the
New Bern fair. putting their heads
together &c. That many enquiries
were made by your friends as
to your candidacy. Such men
as Col Kenson, Attorney Enoch Davidson
Mason, and host of others were
eager to give you their support.
The Gov thinks you are making
a mistake, by not making your
position known. Now my friend
make a move, or you will miss
the opportunity of your life.
I think it due yourself, family
& friends. They think the present
outlook points to you as the

most available man in the state
for Gov. Write me if you desire
privately. I sincerely hope you
have recovered from your late
illness. If I can serve you,
you only have to command me
I expect to send lot Tobaccoes to
Rocky Mount this week. if so
it is possible I may stop in & stay
a night either going or coming
With best wishes for all

Truly your friend
R. R. Allen