

Com. A. P. O. Wynn. Code  
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Col Elias Carr

Old Sparta N.C.

Dear Colonel

Your rent  
ball of cotton for Dennis is ready,  
what do you wish done with it,  
W<sup>m</sup> Williams the man who rents  
your place, was up to see me last  
night, he wants to rent again  
but says he cant give but a 450<sup>th</sup>  
bag of cotton for it, I dont think it is  
enough, but every one is so hard up  
and so few tenants able to carry them-  
selves, that I dont know that we could  
do better, he is a good boy & will  
give no trouble about his rents,  
Let our know about it at your  
earliest convenience as he is anx-  
-ious to know what to do, I was  
in hopes to be able to pay you

What I am owing you  
winter but the low  
cotton has ruined me, & a  
crop year, if I can possibly  
you anything will certainly do.  
Times are very gloomy for the  
farmer, but I look & hope for  
brighter times, I havent time to  
write more, Hoping you & family  
are well & wish you a happy  
New Year I am as ever <sup>af</sup> your friend  
R. W. Alden.