

Hertford N. C.
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Col. Elias Carr
Old Spout

My Dear Sir,

Now will be
from the heading of this letter that
I am at my old home in Perquimans.
I was suddenly summoned to the bedside
of my mother, who is very low, cannot
recover, and expecting that every day
will be the last; but God in His
Infinite wisdom is prolonging her
waning life for some good purpose,
He knows best.

Now my dear sir, I want to ex-
tend my hearty congratulations, and
am sorry that it was impossible for
me to be present at the Convention
your triumph. I confess that your
nomination was a surprise to me.

From the fact, that I never knew
a man to get an honorable office
who did not work for it, nor want it.
and I think the State is to be congratulated
also.

I hope you know me too well to
charge me with any improper motives
in my congratulations from what
follows. Unfortunately I belong to the
class, who do not always get what
they want, even by working for it.

I want you to help me to get an in-
crease of salary when the Board meets
in June, if you please.

It is almost impossible for me to live
on my present salary, and my position
is such, that 'tis impossible for me to
take extra work, as some of the Professors
can, for they are responsible to the College
for so many recitations a week or day,
and are then free to do anything they choose.

whereas my whole time is required
six days to the week, which is right,
I am not complaining, and do my
duty cheerfully, but at the same time
I do want to be able to live a little
more comfortably.

I now receive \$800. per year and a house
for which the Board pays \$240. per year
making a total of \$1040. I will be very
well satisfied with an increase of
\$160. per year and furnish my own house
which will be \$1200. or \$100 per month.
You know I have 8 in family and 5
of them girls.

Some may say that you can hire a
farm overseer for much less money,
which is very true. I don't consider that
I am a common farm overseer. I am
assistant in practical work to both
Professors Chamberlain & Messay, and
have intimate connection with the
students, and get on pleasantly with
them, and am also thoroughly iden-
tified with the work. If you recollect

I am the first ^{employed} man by the institution,
and as far as I know have given perfect
satisfaction, with one exception, and that
was an error of the head and not of
the heart.

I know that asking for an increase of pay
is rather a delicate matter, and if I cannot
get my friends to help me, will stand
a little chance. I think one point in my
favor, is, that my pay does not come from
the college directly, but from Experiment
Station, through Dr. Battle, which is
not cramped for money.

I should feel very much mortified to make
application and be refused. I hope you can
conscientiously aid me. Please write me
in Raleigh what you think of my
proposition. Remember me kindly to
your family.

Very Respectfully
B. S. Kinnier