

New Bern N^o
June 3, 1793

Dear Elzah!

Your kind letter
with Oldham attachment
just forwarded to me.

If Oldham writes
to me I will take pleasure
in assisting him. John
has the prepared Manuscript
for Chicago. I prepared
the N + O headed
our "next Gov" published
the morn after the Con.
The ticket takes

Everywhere without a
dissenting voice. God
bless you beneath those
17 Karatte diamond
drops, beats a heart,
whose affection for
you cannot be counted
by Karattes; They were
Diamond drops, working
from a heart full
of love for ye bygone
hours each moment
of which you and
my lost Alice figured
softly and sweetly.

Harnessed to the car
of the sweet past I
can now work. I now

dreamlands broken past.

Mary has made
my life a sun kissed Summer
land, a flower-lit land of
light and love; I am as
dead in love with her
as ever Romeo dared to love
Juliet. She has climbed
the rugged steps of life
with me without a murmur.
And for her, and the
crop of children, and
for you my friend who
has been so happily linked
with the past, I shall work
lovingly, until life's glowing
embers change from red to
gray, and the glory of the
setting sun shall melt our
hearts away. Yours
Bill.