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Dear Mr Carr,

Yours received. 'T would be a good joke if those pictures should fade away. Being my first efforts, their success was not assured.

Your remarks relating to your nomination are truthful indeed. I can readily understand, that it is little short of cruelty to force you into an unsought for situation, but you gratify me very much by your determination to "stay with them".

I have always looked upon your nomination as the fulfillment of Gates decree. History has a number of instances where men of quiet pursuits have been

suddenly called upon to lift up the standard of pure government. I class the present instance among the number, at which I have always gazed with a cheerful and intense admiration. True principle always rests outside of the pure party bossism, and it becomes necessary at times to bring that principle forward to save the States, from the "Rule or Ruin" clique.

I am fully satisfied, Sir, that in you rests the salvation of true government: that is you are to uplift your share. The fight before you is one that you would most naturally shrink from, for what man, who values the virtues of quiet retirement and the greater virtues of domestic contentment, desires to plunge into the reeking stream of Politics. For he knows, if he values his cleanliness, that it is hard to come to the surface without suffering the suffocation of the political odors. These thoughts I am sure, deter you, and make your better nature revolt, but here is with all his

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a feeling of pride, to think, that Principle
& Good Government are bound to conquer
all this in the end. Now, that the duty
is upon you, you will go to victory.

You are certainly sound on all principles
which are for the good of those whose
position, today, is miserable to look upon.

Your remarks impress me with a sense
of statesmanship which you have not dis-
covered to yourself, because you put
such a low value on plaudits and
honors. I am confident that the people
of North Carolina, must of a necessity, flock
to the standard you uphold, if they wish
that their State Government shall remain

for the white man. North Carolina, indeed
suffers much from woolly heads - so much so,
that it is a wonder how the better class of
your state, pass from one day to another
without blotting the cancer out forever.

Gov. Pitman gave utterance to noble sentiments
the other day. You cannot hurt your
position by taking the lead in your state.

You gain no votes by not doing so, and
you do make friends, when you make your
position unapproachable. The question grows
more rapidly today than any other outside
of the question of finance.

I have the strongest hopes for you, for
both man and his position, - politically. ^{Otherwise}
is undeniably respectable. Surely, if the Citizens
of North Carolina don't read the hand writing
on the wall, and rally to you, and the
respectability which your views draw to their
support, they are indeed insensible to the
sweet pleasures of decent government.

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