

,Asheville, N.C., Dec. 21st, 1892.

Hon. Elias Carr,

Old Sparta, N.C.

Dear Covenor:-I know that oyu are overwhelme with letters, but I'm going to send you one, too, for the sake of old lang syne.

Please consider this as a little commun ion with you only, as I do not wish to burden your overtaxed mail bag by requiring an answer.

In the first place, then, I am a humble member of the state guard of N.C. By my services to the general government and other modest acquirements, I hope for an elevation some time, but not now. I have no doubt that you already see what is coming, and I might as well let the cat out of the bag at once. Glenn desires very much to continue as adjutant general, and if John Cotton is not to be pushed for the position, I should personally like very much to ~~have~~ see Glenn reappointed, or Continued -

S. Westroy Benth

Hon. Elias Carr,

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Now a word or two about my own personal interests: You may go to sleep over these if you chose.

I have put about all I have made on the bottom of Pamlico Sound, together with Lieu F. Winslow, the oyster expert. We have been harrassed to death by Lucas and Warner, shell fish commissioners, who, since the inception of the enterprise, have been inimical to everything looking to a new order of things in the Sounds. This has gone on for four years now. We have already put a good deal of money there and have at our command a good deal more, if only we are not hampered and are let alone to do what the law allows us to do. I send you some papers to show you how we are beset in order that you may know something of the situation, before being interviewed by those opposing us and their friends. The matter was laid before Gov.

Holt who may shift the burden to you. *which I don't think would be a very nice thing to do; but if it should come*

before you I just wanted you
to know before hand some
of the facts in the case -
Lucas has always been a staunch
democrat, I may discern some
tendency but that should not
mix with autocracy -
Wish you every prosperous
and happy administration,
and if in my small way I
can be of the least service
pray command me -

My best regards to you

Respectfully,
Very sincerely,
Wm. H. Hall