

Asheville, June 30. 1893.

My dear Mr. Bettle:

If the Revision bill passes I shall be glad to be on the Comⁿ. While I have little respect for geographical considerations in such matters, I take it they will not be without influence in the formation of the Comⁿ and that one will come from the East, one from the Centre and one from the West, whether appointed by the Governor or the Genl Assembly.

While the compensation is not commensurate with the labor & time which will be required, for I suppose the greater part of the next two years will be required for the duty, the work is of that kind for which I have a liking; and besides it is no small matter to have one's name go down to future generations in connection with such important public service. In addition, several years ago, anticipating the time when a revision would be required, I began an investigation of the methods employed in other States for similar purposes, and the collection of notes & names, with a view to a private compilation which I intended to submit to the Legislature for approval, and publish on my own

account, as is done in many of the States.
I think the plan proposed by our legislature
the best.

Should you see no objection, I will be greatly
obliged if you will, at the proper time, submit
my name to His Excellency, or, if the election is
made by the Genl Assembly, to some of the leading
Gentlemen in that body. I shall not say that you
will do this in a proper way, for that goes without the
saying. I have no demands, no claims. If it
is thought I can be of service in this great work
to my State, I shall be most happy to have the
opportunity, but if political considerations are to
be urged & followed perhaps I am out. The main
point is to get a good Commissioner. If I shall be
in the way of that, then count me out.

I expect to leave Wednesday morning for
the South.

I trust you & yours are well & happy.

Faithfully yours

Geo. F. Davis

J. S. Davidson