

Louisburg, N. C., March 19 1893

His Excellency, Elias Carr,
Governor of N. C.
Raleigh,

My dear Governor:

In the hurry the other day and owing to the presence of Mr. Osborne, I did not say how great my apprehension is about the Recidivatory. In what I shall write I shall make no reflection upon the former administration, but shall confine myself to what the facts in the case justify.

Referring to the published report at page 10 of the same, exhibit B, the first item to which the preceding administration is chargeable is "Total Cash & collectible Bills" \$38,465⁴⁹. By advice involving there is left to us only \$12,983¹⁰ of which \$6,167⁵⁸ is in open a/c's, and a part of which cannot be collected. There are 1 1/2 million bricks worth \$9750 if there was any demand, but the sales of brick have not been \$2000 in a year. There are \$1800 worth of Horse collars, and some of them have been uncollected 3 years. They were made by Wetmore in 1887. There were one

\$1149 worth of shoes which the Convicts can wear
and which is therefore assets, There is \$875 worth
of manufactured tobacco which can be chewed
by the Convicts but which is hardly an asset.
The total of these items is \$26,590 including unex-
pensed insurance premium; but only \$685.52 is ac-
tually accessible. This is all that there is at the
Penitentiary, in the Bank and in the State Treas-
ury. Now what sort of showing have we on
the farms. You will note that the farm products
on hand are estimated at \$110,730. In getting
at this sum the figures contained in Statements
A, B, C & D on pages 18 to 34 inclusive have been
used. They embrace everything from Cabbage plants
to bales of Cotton. They are estimates only, and are
therefore not originally accurate. Since they were made
the frost has destroyed the watermelons, the Cabbages have
rotted, the wheat has soured, the corn has been
fed to the hogs &c, until the farm products
are worth less than \$65,000. The charging up of
the new administration with \$110,730 worth
of farm products is as unfair as is the
charge of "permanent improvements" against
the State. The outgoing administrative credits
in respect with permanent improvements amounting
to \$90,000 and upon that basis shows the institution

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to be self-sustaining. If you will look at
statement on page 15 of report you will see
that from the institution during the years
1891 & 2 cost over \$370,000. - They had a
large appropriation and liberative employ-
ment and yet at the end of the fiscal
year '92 they had about \$25,000 as against
\$65,000 at the end of '90. So that the institu-
tion with its large appropriations and libera-
tive labor lost \$40,000 in the two years.

Now we are expected to run it for a
year longer with considerably less than
a total income of \$100,000. It is almost
appalling.

I have the greatest confidence in
Mr. Seaman, and above all I implicitly trust
your strong fund of sound practical
sense and patriotism to solve the problem
with which your administration is so very
starkly and cruelly confronted. Be it be as
it stands is not the expression of your

or my views. It constitutes an autoerogation and still it does not relieve the Board or you of the respective responsibility to be borne by each. In view of the arduousness of the task, the degree of the responsibility, and the very small voice given in the management by the present law, I am constrained to pursue the course indicated to you in Person some days ago. At the proper time I will send you my resignation. At present I shall remain on to carry out effect in the organization, as far as I may, what I know to be your views.

In constituting the Directors of the N. C. R. R. I hope your excellency will see your way to appoint me. I know that there is in the management of that interest alike and absolute unanimity of sentiment between us.

With assurances of high esteem and regard, I am

Yrs respectfully

A. J. Jones