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Mr Elias Carr, Jr.  
 Old Sparta, N.C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter reached me on my return from the north. I was and am always glad to hear from you, and while it is not now in my power to assist you in the matter you refer to, as the Board of Agriculture at its first meeting did an unheard of thing, to wit: elected some 15 inspectors and demanded that they be given employment as needed. As this is fully twice as many as we can use, it has embarrassed us much. They are all clamoring for work and we havint it to give them.

You know without my saying so, that if it could be done, there is no man in the state that should come before you in anything this Department could offer. I know Mr Patterson feels the same way. We are both not only fond of you



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 father, but feel under obligations to him and anything either  
 of us could do for you would be a pleasure, but as above  
 stated, the whole question has been long settled by the Board  
 and there is nothing now to be done to unfix it.

Present my regards to your father, whose  
 health, I trust is improving.

The Inspector's price 75.<sup>00</sup> dollars per month  
 and expenses for about 4 months in the year. I do  
 not know if such a price would be agreeable to you,  
 even were it in my power to assist you in the  
 matter. Let me assure you of my kindly interest  
 in all that pertains to you and your family and  
 add my sincere wish in not being able to hold  
 out any hope in the direction of your application,  
 or rather, proposed application. The whole matter, as  
 before stated, was settled by the Board some months ago.

Very truly and cordially yours,  
 T. K. Bruner