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23. HAY STREET.

Fayetteville, N. C., July 12 1893.

Hon. Elias Carr,  
Raleigh,

Dear Governor,

I was notified  
the other day of my appointment on a Com-  
mittee to wait on you with regard to the  
present status of the old Independent Company.  
Like very many of our citizens who are  
now past military duty and serenely in-  
different to the poll tax, I marched with that  
company, in the 1<sup>st</sup> N.C. Regiment of Volunteers,  
under D. H. Hill to Virginia. So in common  
with this Community - I may say, with  
this Section of the State - I feel an interest  
in its welfare and would regret exceedingly  
to see an order enforced which would

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practically disband the Corps, if such a thing was possible, on the eve of its 100th Anniversary.

I was one of its honorary members who advised against its withdrawal from the State Guard when the question of the blue uniform was first raised, but the predominant sentiment in and out of the Company was in ~~its~~ favor of that course, and I believe the best sentiment of the best people throughout the State has sanctioned it.

With regard to the present entanglement I am perfectly confident that, when you have heard the position and claims of the Company fairly and fully stated you will find that they can not be controverted. All it wants is a hearing and an impartial judgment. This we know you will accord to it.

It happens that the very best

political friends you have had in this section are active and zealous members of this Company. Maj. Campbell, who in the Convention that nominated you, went to the Edgcomb delegation at an opportune moment and advised activity on your behalf on the next ballot as Cumberland & other adjacent Counties would then rally to your standard, was its Major and is now a devoted member. Maj. McKethan, another Ex Command, bestirred himself in your behalf with powerful effect upon the Delegations from this quarter of the State.

J. H. McLean and other uncompromising Third Partyites (veterans of the Company) came heartily to your support and the day was won for you, as we believe, largely through their instrumentality. We claim that Cumberland was your friend and that you are Cumberland's friend, and that the old Independent Company is Cumberland. We ask that you wait

patiently until our case is presented.

I am anxious that you should know of the intense feeling that has been aroused by the recent order of the Adjutant General and so have taken the liberty of writing you thus fully -

Very truly Yours  
H. P. Horne

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