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Wilmington, N.C., Nov 29 1893

My dear Governor,

I am much gratified by the receipt of your very kind and complimentary letter of the 25th inst with reference to my humble efforts in the "Forsyth County Leader" newspaper to preserve from oblivion some of the early history of our State and to encourage on the part of our youth a greater interest in what has been so well written on that subject by some of our most eminent citizens. The series has not been completed as you supposed but will probably continue for a year to come, the best part of my manuscript being as yet untouched.

I am in correspondence with Sir Edward Herslett C.B. Librarian and Keeper of the papers of the British Foreign Office
To His Excellency
Governor Elias Carr
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who is assisting me with some information which I could not obtain from the Colonial Records, & which I trust will prove to be interesting. I am proud of your approbation and much encouraged by your kind words. The "Blockade Running" articles are the outcome of some personal experience in that line which the Southport pilots wish to see in print. I well remember when the "Advanca" was stripped of superfluous furniture and I thank you for your interesting allusion to this episode.

I wrote to Gov Vance and to Capt Coke asking for some information about this ship and the State undertaking but have not succeeded in getting it.

I fear it will not be possible for me to revise and re-publish the newspaper article

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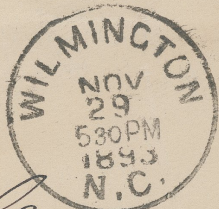
as you have kindly suggested
but hope to send you the
clippings in a scrap book
later on if you would like to
preserve them -

With renewed thanks for
the interest you have taken
in this work I am
my dear Governor

Yours faithfully

James Sprunt

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