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HAMPTON

Hamovillo N.C. Jan'y 3. 94

Gov Elias Carr

Raleigh N.C.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to inclose you herewith my data on "Rammie" culture, the same being a copy of information furnished by a Frenchman who made successful tests in growing, & also estimates for a Penna. Co., who controlled the "Gibson Breenti-cator" & proposed & I believe did commence raising Rammie in Va. or Miss., but to what extent I do not know; only that the 2 gentlemen most largely interested, died several years ago. In the estimate of cost per annum, note that there is a charge of \$5.00 Rent per acre, included, which would not of course occur with an average farmer.

I have mislaid my notes of a letter

about Rome, I wrote + which was published in Raleigh News + Observer in summer of 1884 or 85. (see files, front page) before I had included notes. I derived my information from a reliable French gentleman thoroughly familiar with its cultivation, distribution, market, value, + variety + value of its manufactured products.

A gentleman in S.C. whose name I cannot now recall, a few years ago made satisfactory tests in growing it, on a small scale however. - I presume present market price is not much ^{if any} below figures quoted notes.

Once introduced, demonstrated it can be grown in N.C. soil + climate as I believe it can be. And understood by our people, it should become not only a summer crop, but lead to the establishing of factories making goods ranging from Trine, putting + cotton(?) handkerchiefs to (with mixtures) silk plush velvet etc.

Its advantage over cotton is apparent when

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price (4 to 5¢ crude stripped (Bark) fibre +
12¢ for "ungummed") larger yield, (2000 to
2500 lbs per acre, which, is less than raised in
other ^{or native} countries I am informed), & its being
a perennial; are all considered.

I am very glad you take some
interest in the matter, & shall be
pleased to render any aid etc. in
my power, to promote its trial &
introduction. I do not know whether
State Experiments have ever tried to raise
it or if so, whether they had any pro-
visional detailed directions as to its culture,

I know any step you may take
about it will be practical, & if suc-
cessful, merit the thanks of a large
portion of the state at least.

I shall be pleased to distribute among
some Western friends, any new printing
data & ^{copies} "Pro of N.C." that may be sent me.
& turn the favor to ^{return} ^{you} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{same} ^{manner}
Yours Respectfully E. M. Fyfe