

Arcola N. C.
June 30th / 1894.

Governor Carr,

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated the 12th was received. Today, I am perfectly willing, to give you an option for four months on the gold mine, there are ^{as} near as I can guess about one hundred & fifty acres of land, there may be more or less in the gold mine tract. There is a large branch (upon which there was once a mill) about four hundred & twenty five yards from the mine. There are three discovered veins, that carry gold, one vein about five or six inches thick, from which some rock carried to Phila. by W. John H. Dewees of Penn. assayed (he said) forty four dollars & eighty cents per ton. My son Edward last year, had some rock from the same vein assayed at the Penn: smelting & refining works in Phila. which assayed twenty two dollars &

fifty cents per ton. The other two veins are
larger but not as rich, one of these veins
runs through a belt of whitish dirt about
forty feet wide, in which there are a great
many stringer veins, some of which are rich
in gold. This belt of whitish dirt runs
through the mine in a North East & South
West direction. The mine is on a hill, which
is about fifty feet higher than the branch.

Yours Truly
Edw^d. Alston

P.S.

Your letter was directed to
Narrenton instead of Arcola, was
the cause of my not receiving it sooner.
E. A.