

LAW OFFICE OF  
JARVIS & BLOW,

Greenville, N. C., March 26<sup>th</sup> 1894

My Dear Governor.

Yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to hand Saturday night. It has not at any time been my opinion that Senator Ransom would decline to be a candidate but I have thought and I still think he would save the party a great deal of embarrassment and himself no little humiliation if ~~he~~ he could rise to that height of patriotic duty. He does not now in strength in this section and it is my manifest that the people in their present temper will not support him.

In reference to the suggestion of The Shelby Review I have had a purpose to make an offer to the Senator to let the people have a say about the Senatorship. My plan is this. I propose to address a letter to Senator Ransom, in time, requesting him to join me in a joint request to the State Executive Committee asking them, when they call the State Convention, to address a circular letter to the Township Committees requesting each Committee to open the polls on the day of the Township Primaries at each voting place and let the people - I mean the Democratic people - vote

for their choice for Senator. These Township Committees  
can make returns direct to the State Committee and  
they can count the vote and declare the result.  
This of course is a rude outline and I propose  
to consult you and a few other friends about  
it before I do anything. I think it entirely practicable  
and easy of accomplishing. I am a believer in the  
people and I am an avowed advocate of the  
election of Senator by the people. My proposition  
is a step in that direction.

Mrs. Janis. I am glad to say, has not been  
so complaining since she returned as she was before  
she went to Raleigh. We are all glad to hear of Mrs.  
Janis' continued improvement.

Faithfully yours.

Thos. J. Janis

I am so glad to hear of Vane's improvement and I do  
pray he may sit on his feet again. We have no  
man to take his place.