

# C. R. THOMAS.

New Berne, N. C., July 23d., 1894.

Personal and Private .

Governor Elias Carr,

Raleigh,

My Dear Sir ;

At the last Stock  
holders Meeting of the "Atlantic and North Carolina Rail Road Com-  
pany", held at Morehead City, you had kindly expressed the wish, and had  
directed that I should be placed upon one of the Committees of the  
Road, thus giving me the privileges of the Road for the year.

For some months prior to the Meeting, I had been sat-  
isfied, and felt, that just so far as you could "work out" the  
matter, I would be recognised upon this Road in some way.

Your Excellency remembers, that notwithstanding your wish  
in the matter Mr Arnold Borden, or some other gentleman, whose  
name I do not now recall, supplanted me.

Your Excellency knows, that the duties of such a position  
require no special skill, and that the sole advantage of the posi-  
tion is the privilege of the Road, and a small per diem.

And yet while I do not regard the position as a very exalted  
or responsible one, ~~just~~ to me it has value because I am so fre

quently called upon to travel over the Road either professionally, in the course of my practice in Carteret and the adjoining Counties, or in the discharge of my duties to my political friends and the Democratic party .

It has been a great hardship to me , whenever I have been called to travel over this Road , especially in the performance of the duty I owe to my party , to have to incur the expense from my own pocket , even when canvassing my County and this adjoining section, and speaking in the interest of the Democracy.

As the Stock Holders of this Road will soon again meet , I ask Your Excellency most earnestly and respectfully to see that your wishes in this matter are carried out this year, beyond any doubt , and that I am placed without further anxiety or solicitation in a position to enable me the better to serve my party and political friends in the approaching Campaign.

In this County, I have recently been indefatigably at work , as well as in this Congressional District, to maintain the party organization and political ascendancy of our friends here , in which I have succeeded beyond my most sanguine expectations.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience,

I am , with great respect ,

Your Obedient Servant,

*Chas R. Thomas*