

TARBORO, N. C., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894,

Hon. Elias Carr,  
Raleigh, N. C.;

My dear Sir,

At the out-set of the campaign in this County I positively declined to accept the Chairmanship of the County Ex-Committee. I was induced to pursue this course upon several considerations. In the first place my health was such as to make it altogether unwise for me to assume the responsibility, and then again I was of the opinion that some one else would probably promote party harmony. The situation with us now is very gloomy. Absolutely no work has been done in the way of party organization & the indications are that the election will go by default so far as we are concerned. And to make bad matters worse Mr. Jones has just resigned on account of

ill health. At this juncture the Ex-Cone. again call on me to accept the Chairmanship of the party and represent to me that no one else can be prevailed on to accept the place. They further represent to me that it is the unanimous wish of the Cone. and likewise of the County candidates that I should serve in the position indicated. Reluctant as I am to recede from my former resolution in this regard the call from my party comes in such a way that I do not feel that I can disregard it. You fully appreciate the situation here and well know the pressing need for assistance. While I feel warranted in saying that with proper aid the County can be carried, it is equally true that without it the fight is a hopeless one. I feel warranted in saying further that as good results may be expected here with such aid as in any other County in the State.

I write to request, if you do not mind doing so, you to see Mr. Poe and represent these views to him and urge him to come to our relief.

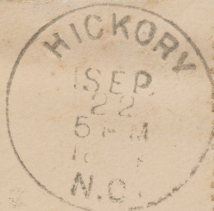
I did not see you during your recent visit here after your conference with Mr. Bourne and from that fact presumed that the same was not satisfactory. Can you advise me as to the result of it without impropriety?  
With high regards, I am -

Yours Very truly,  
Dowell Gilliam

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