

The Gladstone, Philad^a

Oct 31st 1894

Dear Governor

I received your letter, with the paper enclosed, on "The Mtn Region of N.C." If I can find another copy of it, I will take pleasure in sending it to you.

The transparent specimen of feldspar did not prove to be good enough, in my opinion, to adorn the scarf of the Governor of N.C.

So I took my best specimen of aquamarine, from Mitchel Co. N.C.

and put it in the hands of a jeweler, to be mounted in a scarf pin.

It is promised in a few days, when I will forward it to you. It is prettier, but not so rare as the Feldspar; and I think you will prefer it to the latter. I trust you will occasionally honor me by wearing it.

I am now engaged, and have been, for several weeks, examining and arranging in portfolios, for the presentation to the Penn^a Historical Society, a big lot of books (business) and letters and other papers relating to the early paper business of our family in Pa. which commenced in 1729.

I hardly have time to eat and sleep: and this will continue for several weeks longer.

I have been obliged to forego the pleasure of the promised visit to you on this account. It ought to have been done many years ago, before many interesting papers were destroyed.

I have just found out a fact new to me. On looking over one of the books of the accounts of my Grandfather Mark Willcox, it appears that he had an interest in a store in "Layett Ville" N. Carolina, (so spelled in the books), conducted "under the direction of Thomas Newman".

The first bill of goods, that I notice, was shipped in 1787 to Wilmington N. C. and was charged to "Store in

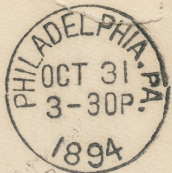
Fayetteville N.C. under direction of
Thomas Newman".

Afterwards some of the Willcoxes
moved to Fayetteville, and I believe
some of their descendants still
live in that vicinity.

Can you find out for me the
name and address of any of
that name; as I would like to
correspond with him, to learn
more about the old business above
referred to.

Please give my regards to Mrs
Carr.

Yours very truly
Joseph Willcox



Hon Elias Carr
Executive Department
Raleigh
N. Carolina

