

[TO: Elias Carr. Raleigh, N. C.]

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
LATIN DEPARTMENT.  
CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

March 2nd, 1896.

Gov. Elias Carr,

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir,

I shall take the liberty of asking  
your advice and co-operation in a work in which I am now  
engaged, not as a public official but as a citizen who has the  
interest of the state at heart - no one more so. The ob-

ject I have in view is an examination of the present and future condition of agriculture in North Carolina. The present condition plainly shows an evil and one more serious than either "hard times" or "bad seasons" can work out. In short I firmly believe that the time is gone forever in North Carolina when farming under the old order of things can be profitable - when the only hope is to be found in the system of so-called "Peasant Proprietors" where each man owns and tills the land, his own property. But is the tendency that way? Is the number of farms increasing relative to the increase of

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population? These questions and similar I shall attempt to learn by corresponding with farmers in every county of the State. My present purpose is to obtain your views upon this subject, and any suggestions you will be so kind as to offer will be highly appreciated.

Believe me Sir, with best wishes,

Very Truly

Fred L. Carr,

Chapel Hill, N.C.

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P.S. Your name and words need not be necessarily used if  
you prefer.