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Goldboro, N. C. June 5<sup>th</sup> 1896.Hon. Elias Leon,  
Gov. & c.,

Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Sir:

Yours of 1<sup>st</sup> inst is rec'd. I beg to assure you that Col. Elliott meant no disrespect whatever to you by designating you the "other party," in the correspondence between us and in our desire to keep the object in view entirely between ourselves, we have both been addicted to the use of some general terms which would be understood only by the ones interested. My opinion

is that the Cal. is both a friend  
and admirer of you, and  
hence would not under  
any circumstances be guilty  
of any disrespect to you.

Then too, if he had any such  
desire, he would in all  
human probability, <sup>have</sup> selected  
some other source for its  
ventilation.

Thanks to you and my More-  
head experience, I am feeling  
better than for some time.

We have made up a party to  
leave here on the 9th for  
Morehead to take in the Pony  
penning, and if you and  
your party will join us, we  
will be delighted to have you.

My system now I think can  
stand any ordinary strain —  
on land — and I am ready  
to stand my chances as to  
water.

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I will be delighted to join you whenever I can get off, and if you notify me in time I will bring my boys in to meet you. They appreciate your kind message and return their best regards to you. They and their grandpa are doing well.

The lease you kindly sent me shows signs of having been hastily drawn, and especially so in that there seems to be no sequence in its different items. However it gets there, and that is the all important question after all. I will notify Cal.

Elliott of your pleasure as to  
the desired interview, and  
hope to arrange a satisfactory  
interview without delay.

With my best wishes to you  
and your family,  
I am,

Very truly  
yours,  
W. S. Dodge