

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

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Edenton, N. C., June 6, 1896

To His Excellency

Hon Elias Carr.

Governor of N. C.

Sir.

Early in March, an application was sent up to Raleigh for a division of the Naval Battalion at this place, which application was filed as Your Excellency did not deem it necessary at that time "to increase the Naval Reserves of the State", and we, feeling the necessity of a Military organization in Edenton, soon thereafter made application to be admitted into the

Infantry of the State Guards, & were received. At a meeting and surrollment of the men, it was generally believed that the State would furnish uniforms, and even under this very favorable condition a number of the men were very reluctant - preferring the Naval service, and since we have been correctly informed as to the uniforms we <sup>are</sup> at a dead lock. There is great need of a Company here, but the men are unwilling to bear the expense.

The Citizens have contributed toward the cause, and we have about enough money to uniform us as Reserves which is the most desirable branch of the service in this

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Section of the State, with many  
advantages—good material  
&c.

We have been unable  
to do anything in the Infantry  
during the sixty days al-  
lowed us, and we sincerely  
hope Your Excellency will  
favorably consider our  
former application, and  
admit us into the Naval Reserve.

We are Yours to Command

Charles H. Banks

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Officers elect,