

Morganton, N. C. June 16th 1896.

His Excellency Governor Carr,

Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Governor : I thank you very sincerely for your pardoning ~~that~~ that poor ignorant creature, Chapman. It was a worthy action in itself and will do good in more ways than one. I am grateful for the kindfeelings expressed in your letter, both as relating to this matter and as to the State Treasurer-ship.

I have not up to this moment communicated with any person further than to say I was not a Candidate. Indeed I seek no office. But I am a democrat who recognises my obligations to the party to serve it when and best I can. The Tresurers Office was not remunerative to me, because I would not let the party suffer for want of the sinews of war. I do not care for that, but when I think of my unknown associates in the event of our success, I confess the position holds out less attractions. I look upon the coming contest as only a "fighting chance", but that has no terrors for me. I am used to that. I am fully aware that nominations go to those who fight for them, generally, and I do not want to antagonize any democrat. Right here I would stop, but the Burke Convention has with- in the last hour passed resolutions commending me to the State Convention for Treasurer, by an unanimous RISING vote, and against my protest. It becomes my duty to submit to whatever comes of it. If you were going to remain in charge, I should have less reluctance.

Come up and spend a while with me that I may have more time to take you around and rusticate. Come whenever you find the leisure. I hope to be at home all summer till you come.

Make my compliments to your excellent wife and remem er me to the f family.
I am, Dear Sir, very truly yours,