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My Dear Governor:

I regret much my missing your visit to Lincoln Litchia. I wrote you on Monday, hoping you would come; and again on Wednesday, informing you of my purpose to leave there on Friday. But doubtless, you had a pleasant visit, at Gen. Stokes' delightful place. The General & his family and all his guests were delightful people to me, and if I had not found to a certainty that I was declining, of course it would have been pleasant to remain. Upon my return home, I expected to go to the mountains; but I was soon delighted to find that at last I was on the up-grade. I commenced improving at once, have gained several pounds in weight, and general conditions are better, or seem so, to my own consciousness. I have pretty much quit all my medicines, but am relying solely on good care & a strictly diabetic diet. I forbore any communication about business vigorously for some three weeks.

but could not rest till I knew all about the  
catastrophe on the Roanoke. I wrote to the dif-  
ferent Supervisors, and know the worst. The  
loss necessitates a re-consideration of Perry  
plan.

I hope in some two weeks to see you and  
take the whole matter over.

My family are about as usual. Daughter claims  
improvement.

Hoping you and yours are well, and with  
kind regards to yourself & them, I am  
Your Obedient Servant,  
A. Leazer