

Ridgeway, N. C., Nov 2 1896.

Cousin Elias:-

Yes, this is a deserving object of charity. Let me insist or rather emphasize the fact though that I didn't set her on you nor on any one. I have not seen her in 2 years. At that time I was going to Balto with a lady & I troubled myself to see her <sup>(this girl)</sup> people & offered to take this little <sup>girl</sup> along & get her a free operation. Her people plead poverty. I offered to loan the money; they only manifested stolid indifference & declined to do anything. Her father died.

I advise you to get the S. A. L. to give her a pass to Balto. and also for an attendant - also for attendant to go the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to bring her back. And that you put her in the public ward of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. I can here the charge will be only 5<sup>¢</sup> per week for everything including operation - and the latter will be by the best Surgical Staff in the South. I don't think she will be detained much more a week, but say 2 - then \$10.<sup>00</sup> or \$15.<sup>00</sup> ought to be all she would absolutely need. Sorry I didn't move of you while in yr City.

We are all anxious and fearful of tomorrow's result. Let the issue be as it may: Your administration has been a clean one & yr record is a matter of pride to yr state as well as pleasure to yr people.

Yrs truly  
Barker

Mr. Wharton 50¢  
Dr. Turner 1.00  
Mr. Brown 1.00  
Johns. Hall 1.00