

Cruik P. O. Warren & Co  
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Gov Elias Carr

Raleigh N.C.

My Dear friend

I would have written to you sometime ago about your rats from Benson but I have been confined in ~~bed~~ for nearly four weeks and am still very feeble though can walk out a little, and hope to soon regain my strength. I would, I wish, to win this year for Gov<sup>rs</sup> Lint cotton. He carried a bale to Warrington last week and I directed Mr J M Gardner to hold it subject to your order. I am sure it will not weigh enough but you will pay me the balance in money if I will send it to you. I have not sold any of my cotton

Yet may have done wrong but cant  
help thinking it will go ap.

I hope to be able to pay off the  
balance I owe you this winter

I shall ever appreciate your kindness

to me. Hoping you are all well

and with my best wishes for you

and yours I am as ever your

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Friend &c

RW Alton