

[TO: Elias Carr. Old Sparta, D.C.]

State of North Carolina,
Executive Department,
Raleigh.

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Dear Mother:

I came in about 6:30
and found the house gloomy indeed.
Only two very dim gas jets
burning in the hall and parlor-
darkness in Library and Dining
Room. Heat down to 65° and stove
does not seem able to get it up.
John is here yet.

Tell the children, about dark I
stepped into Rugs Drug Store and
and found Florence, Lilly Gray
Elsy and one or two others of
that set lurching at the fountain.
They looked happy and we talked
of the good time they had last night.

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They all said they were coming to see me before I got away.

I send you the news page of the Evening paper, hoping you may get it a head of the N & O - Cutler, it is said, will in the Concession denounce (to-morrow) Poindexter. It looks as if it will be war to the knife. But just the same O. is going to be elected and the populist party will be utterly annihilated.

I was never especially homesome in the mansion before -

You are all missed -

Love for you all -
Eff. Foster.