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Gov. Elias Carr,

Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Governor:

E. F. BAKER, OTENOGRAPHER & TYPEWRITER

I have read with a sense of pride and elation, your magnificent message to the General Assembly. I cannot forbear, though I am sick in bed, and writing through a stenographer, expressing my profound satisfaction at what you have said in your Message, and the way you have said it. You retire from the office of Governor, with the consciousness that no man, who ever occupied the Chair, has grown to larger stature than you have, in the public estimate. With strong convictions as to your duty, and with the courage of those convictions, you have nothing in your record to regret, and nothing but what your friends can take pride in. As a citizen of the Common-wealth, I am proud of this, her last Demoeratic Governor, and as an individual, I shall remember, with sincere esteem, affection and gratitude, the many kindnesses that you have fonferred upon me.

My best wishes go with you through all your future life.

Cordially, your friend,

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