

[TO: Elias Carr, Old Sparta, N.C.] Tarboro, 46 Jan 15th 77

Dear General:

I returned home late in the afternoon yesterday having remained in Raleigh more than a day and night after your departure.

I wish to say that I was thoroughly disgusted at the treatment you and the other retiring State officers received and the slight which was manifestly intended, during the inaugural period. The thing that was most talked about was the absence of any of the outgoing officers at the Banquet given by the Club and an apparent lack of courtesy which might have been gracefully

extended to State officials who
had faithfully served in their res-
pective places. As a citizen of the
State I am ashamed of such
treatment and regret that such
a precedent has been set; as
a friend to you, and most of the
State officers, if not in fact all
of your administration, I have a
feeling of inexpressible indignation.
I cannot but hope that some sort
of an explanation may yet be
given which I and others know
nothing about now.

Sincerely Yours
Fred Phillips