

Raleigh, N. C.

Jan 30. 1897.

My Dear Governor:-

Please excuse me for writing  
but appreciating the pressing duties upon you  
prior to assembling of the General Assembly.  
I refrained from calling upon you before you  
left Raleigh. I desire to thank you, Governor,  
for your many kindnesses during your term of  
office, and especially during my short stay  
in the State Library at the beginning of your  
term of office. Had others upon whom I  
had some claim and reason to expect favors,  
I should be in that position. So say that  
I am grateful and duly appreciate your kindness  
will not cover the ground. Allow me to  
say that I hope to live long enough to  
reciprocate, in a small way, your favors.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than  
to again have the honor of voting for you  
again for some high public office of trust

and honor.

With best wishes for your future and  
that the blessings of the Lord may rest upon  
you and yours, I remain with respectful regards

Your obedient servant

J. C. Birasong.

Hon. Elias Carr.

Old Sparta,

N. C.