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My dear Governor: I shall reserve an expression of my thanks for the great present of which your note informs me until after they are received and sampled. I write to give you full information as to the course of matters in the General Assembly. On Wednesday a motion passed that the lease question, the Senate substitute for the House bill, should be made the special order for Saturday, March 6 at 1 P.M. and the vote should be taken at 2 P.M. The Supreme Court wrote that the Senate substitute required to be approved by a vote of the stock holder - Our friends, Murphy, offered an amendment to conform to the decision. Cook offered the House bill as a substitute voted down by 63 to 50. The Governor's crowd saw that they were beaten, and began their tactics. It was not filling sources of parliamentary law to delay a vote, but a mere brutal disregard of all law or precedent, by refusing to recognize any one except a voter, by refusing to follow the order of the House, when on appeal the Chair was overruled, by refusing to entertain an

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appeal, and by permitting ~~the~~ matters to be  
 consider a matter to adjourn. There was  
 nothing of art in it, simply a lawler,  
 Speaker refusing to permit a vote.  
 Sutton was in the chair a part of the time &  
 then Lusk. At midnight Saturday we ca-  
 ched to take a recess. On Monday the  
 Governm's gang wanted to vote a 10, 9 & 8%  
 and then to let a vote be taken. We were not  
 entirely sure that we could win on a vote for  
 8% - So Sunday night Col. Andrews agreed  
 with Duncan that he should wear <sup>to table</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>amendment</sup> ~~to~~  
 the 30 year, 10%, 9% & 8% bill, and in  
 we to let this be done by the minority.  
 It worked beautifully - Only a few of our  
 friends voted, all in the negative, & the  
 Governm's crowd went on record as favoring  
 99 years at 7% rather than 30 years at 10%.  
 As the question would have been submitted  
 to the stockholders, and as Gen. Russell would  
 probably have the right to change his proposal  
 the present condition suits us better than  
 the Senate substitute, submitted to the  
 stockholders - Hileman was sick  
 & a Speaker pro tem. had been elected.  
 Cook nominated Lusk who was then in  
 the chair - but we beat him with  
 Blackburn by 50 to 43 -  
 To day the Central Nut Co. has met

the Southern & the N.C. RR to prevent them  
 from interfering with the lease, the Trust  
 Co. being the trustee for the bondholders,  
 and the Southern has sued the N.C. RR, the  
 directors, the proxy, the Governor and the  
 Attorney General, to prevent them from in-  
 terfering with the lease. I suppose it  
 will all be in the morning papers.  
 We are entirely satisfied with  
 the situation, as in the U.S. Court,  
 and if the lease is valid, legal  
 and unimpaired by fraud, as we say it  
 is, we ought to win.  
 With kindest regards Mrs. Carr  
 and the children,

Faithfully yours

J. H. Beuber

My nephew Dan. who is visiting us,  
 asks very warmly after you, and  
 would like to be remembered.

Tuesday, March 6th 1897.