

TO: Elias Carr, Old Sparta, N.C.

I fully appreciate your affection & every kind  
indication to visit you at home & teaching can  
delight & interest me more than to be with you  
& your home & some of these days I trust you will  
find me at your. I write to you, N.C.  
date as my admittance. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1898,  
The illness of Mrs. Slower prevented  
my making the visit last year.

My dear Governor:

It is to be in  
with you personally, am I made happy  
to receive from the tips of your fingers  
kind & delighted words that have passed  
through your mind. Thus, you must  
now know how very gratifying it was  
to me to receive a letter from you a  
week or more ago. For your sympathy  
& generous offer of aid during my  
illness I return you a hearty full of thanks.  
Perhaps, now a month since, I was quite  
unwell at home, some times better some  
times worse, this was after a term of "so-  
called health" at Raleigh at Newbern &  
elsewhere. One morning, one of my  
daughters observed my eyes were a  
little sore & suggested they be gently  
bathed. I once took her out of  
the room, I sat up from the bed &  
went to the wash stand & there bathed  
my face & neck, the back of it, for  
some time in cold water - I walked

then to a table on which was my breakfast  
 fast & even, before I could be seated I  
 felt several sharp pains in the outer  
 of my left cheek, though I did eat some  
 I went to bed, then & various troubles upon  
 my left ear was soon effected then my  
 tongue, near the angle of my jaw &  
 teeth continued until it reached a point  
 that if a horse had kicked me there it  
 could not have given me more pain, or  
 apparently, damaged my jaw more -  
 I soon ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> where it was with  
 the greatest difficulty I could, even Madras  
 lepid, I sleep, of course I was obliged to  
 Morphine, resorted to by the physician  
 gave only temporary relief, but after  
 two or three days & sleepless nights, there  
 was a change for the better, I got so I could  
 sleep some & pointed on the road to improve  
 ment. The physician called it a violent  
 & dangerous attack of Neuralgia -  
 caused by my imprudent bath with  
 the cold water, <sup>though</sup> by the day of red  
 warm water when I got up & bath  
 my eyes & did not dream I would  
 use cold water, but enough of all this,  
 I will only add, I have up to this time  
 been unable to leave my room & dress

though my appetite is good enough,  
 & I could now enjoy a meal if my  
 tongue & still some far would allow  
 it, I sit up, however, all day & do a great  
 deal of thinking of not much of any  
 thing else — In a my second letter see desc —  
 Let me tell you on what a hor-  
 ror Martin & myself deceiv you when  
 last at Raleigh — I met a Wake County  
 man one afternoon while walk ing, who  
 told me he met you going out to illrs.  
 Hunters, thinking you might come on  
 the next morning I called at the Barber-  
 ough to see if I could learn of your where-  
 abouts, there I met Mr Ed. Keer who told  
 me a short while before he had spoken to  
 you & you had gone out to Warren Co.  
 I saw Mr. Turner afterwards who stated you  
 had called at his office the afternoon  
 before & he reported his engagements, at  
 the time, prevented his seeing you as de-  
 sired, though you seemed well —  
 During my Ordeal, though Reed  
 ran over & spent a few days with me  
 our conversation presently turned up on  
 you & certainly, always with a long

for the enjoyable days, months  
& years we had spent in each others  
Society - Happy days fore ever.

The water that finds well find  
no more Rice has been being up  
land on the Sampit about 7 miles above  
Georgetown, 1700 acres in all - you know it  
is above tide water, It is rice land,  
upland cleared & pine timber. The  
can easily water his use from the main  
without the danger of overflow of Salt  
water - as below Georgetown I send  
a sheet from one of Rices letters to me,

● You need not trouble to return it -  
if the first year he meets with the expected  
success of his future would be doubt, he  
says - If not it would take Eugene Rices  
money to keep up former Rices rice Cal-  
culation, he both would have been delighted  
to have called in upon you, as there is no  
one at least to high land Cultivation  
that could have more profitably <sup>with assured</sup> than  
yourself. He knows this, I think I shall  
go over in about two weeks for a two  
months work, I will be too late for ducks  
& too soon for fields, But repeat here, now  
I want you to solemnly promise to go  
down with me next summer when the

rice birds  
 none in full feather & shorter than  
 your broodest leaf - I want you, too, to  
 see the rice fields in Chesapeake - on  
 the wind sweep over them rolling ~~waves~~  
 waves up <sup>like</sup> a lake. I am desiring  
 all this on the hope you & I, yours &  
 + mine, may see in a Coudaign as one  
 one to day & time will not change it -  
 Well how we had had a time with  
 those fellows at Raleigh since you turned  
 your back on that place. as the Chief Ex-  
 ecutive Officer Russell seems to have  
 neither integrity nor policy & that his  
 Chief business is revenge - You had things  
 working so smoothly he thought he could turn  
 them over to in contemptible & corrupt men  
 with even better results - Of course the Con-  
 duct of the Smiths & Hancock & I was but  
 the natural outcome of the teaching as  
 Russell in the last Congress -  
 He knew he was elected by force  
 as well as so nominated. Every man  
 with a grain of sense knew John R.  
 Smith did not possess either the honesty or  
 ability to manage the intricate work  
 of the Penitentiary, here we have now

With Butler & Russell at the head of the  
 gang, the most Corrupt people, our  
 own people, & the most ignorant too  
 that ever disposed any Country ruling  
 & governing people that could not be  
 surpassed for intelligence in this or any  
 Country, & still we have Men I should know  
 better & do know better supporting them,  
 the poor & all simply reflecting them by an  
 Office - Whither little or much, any thing from it  
 I am much you, How long will a Majority  
 in N. or the Carolina stand it? Is this thing never  
 to end -

I want you to let Mrs. Carr know  
 that her ex. excellency does not absorb all  
 the thoughts of the writer & that her <sup>word</sup> ~~length~~ after  
 - Corred to delightful scenes in her presence  
 as well as those of every Member of her  
 family, & to all I wish to be warmly re-  
 membered that may be with you at this  
 time

Our fair is going on though I could not visit  
 this week, a visit to the friends, however  
 much I might desire to do so -

It a week with the streets here, morally, with a  
 Regor in her mouth apparently, concerned by what-  
 ever may be the sting in words - The Regor will  
 find him one office, I am <sup>of the</sup> <sup>in the</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>from</sup>  
 election at all - I am with kindest wishes for you  
 I am old brood

I want Reeds place Cost \$8,000 <sup>He was advised to</sup> <sup>buy by experience</sup> <sup>the</sup>

I have begun rice planting operations. The plowing was begun with six plows in the field Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have 5 yoke of oxen and a pair of mules. I shall have to hire some extra plowing done also. I have bought 700 bushels ~~for~~ of rice for seed at a total cost of \$875.00. I shall plant 260 acres of rice, and if the season is favorable will make about (8000) eight thousand bushels, and at present prices will be worth \$10,000.00. It will cost \$4000. to make the crop.

I want to plant the Corn & potatoes there on the high land. When you come down I will get you to go up to the plantation with me, and you will no doubt be able to give me some valuable advice about the high land crop, at least.

I hope you will visit us whenever you find it convenient to leave New Bern. We shall be glad to see you at anytime. If you prefer coming via Conway, I can either go with a steamer or send one there to meet you. The trip will be a little longer that way, but it may be cheaper.