

Statesville, N. C., Jan 12, 1890.

Gov. Carr,

Dear Sir:

Last night at home in my study, I read every word of your message. I was profited by it so much myself, and was so much pleased with it, that I beg to be permitted to congratulate you for furnishing so much wise and conservative counsel to the Legislature and giving such signal proof to your democratic friends in the State that we have a Governor whom we can trust under the most trying circumstances.

The condition of political parties is anomalous; no Governor ever had such circumstances in North Carolina.



It is no wonder that under these  
circumstances your message  
was looked forward to with  
concern and has been read with  
more care perhaps than any  
message since the war.

It is a credit to the State  
and its author.

Considering the character  
of the men who dominate the  
General assembly there are many  
things in it that have special  
interest and significance.

When a public servant  
has labored hard and  
made a hit, is there any  
harm in telling him so?

Yours sincerely

B. H. Long