

Seaboard, N.C.
July 11-48

Dear General:

I am in receipt
of a beautifully bound copy of
your "Biennial Message to the
Legislature" for which please ac-
cept my sincere thanks. The journal
afforded me much genuine
satisfaction, and a fund of useful
information. I had previously read
your message in the paper with
great care, and deep interest, and
had written congratulating you
upon it - as being in my humble
opinion a very able, conservative,
and comprehensive State paper;
but - fearing such letters might
be common-place, and may be
annoying, I withheld it. I beg

now humbly to reiterate the sentiments expressed therein. Your earnest and patriotic appeals on behalf of our Confederate veterans in the matter of pensions and support, and care of our soldiers in the "Home" impressed me greatly; they touched a tender chord in my heart, and I am sure will meet with a ready willing response from every friend of the old heroes through our dear old Commonwealth. May a kind and merciful Providence tenderly watch over you and yours, and grant you many, many years yet of happiness, prosperity, honor, and usefulness, and the full fruition of the honors and rewards which you merit as a private citizen, and your wise, just, and impartial administration have won, and so richly deserve. I am, among your friends,
J. N. Ramsay