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Gov. Elias Carr -
Raleigh N.C.

Dear Sir -

How strange;
whilst I am writing to
the governor of the great
State of North Carolina
I am thinking of 'Lias Carr -
the little school boy, and
the log schoolhouse, on the
hill, beyond the branch, and
of where a parcel of rude
boys had dammed the
branch to make a bathing
pool, & of how these very
bad boys

persuaded little Jimmy ⁽²⁾
Williams to jump in know-
ing it was beyond his
depth, & when he did so &
they found that it was over
his head, - how frightened
they were, & how I, being
the largest & the most culpa-
ble, jumped in & rescued him
before he received other injury
than a good ducking - How
frightened we were, and
how we planned to keep it
a secret from Cousin John
Buxton (his father) & Cousin
Tempe, his good wife, whom
we all loved, as well as
feared very much, & so on.

It is of these things I am
thinking, & not of the Governor
of a great state, nor of its
intricate political problems
with which he by reason of

his position is ^{so} intimately con-
nected, As we grow older
how much we live in the
past; - At the time you were
elected, of course I knew
that Elias Carr was elected
Gov. of N.C. but I did not
know that it was my little
schoolmate, I have a Cousin
^{myself} Eugenia Faulcon who is liv-
ing at Chapel Hill N.C. -
with whom I correspond at
long intervals, she wrote me
as to your identity sometime
ago, And to day, housed up
with snow a foot deep on
the ground, it occurred to
me to write to you, not that
I have anything especial to
say, but you of all the boys
with whom I went to school
are the only one as a man that
I can locate

I can imagine, therefore I felt it
This country has a large deficit
in the year - 1882 - '83 -

the country in the registration
count in 1807 - & re-estimated
checks high of our country
since, how do you - I was
frustrating the profession
This place - when I have been
So, studies have come in
from N.Y. I went to Rome
something of my career -
I will inform you to know
since we practice, but perhaps
me to tell all that had occurred
It would be a long story

getting me off
advice that not forgotten
ment to know that - I was
offer you having undertaken
& I thought perhaps, it would
you. Now do I think it just
able that any boy, going to
advice so well. Well, how far
gotten me off

more of a compliment -
 to ^{have} been elected to these posi-
 tions, as I have always
 been a democrat. I have
 held several positions by
 appointment, in all of
 which I hope I have so
 conducted myself as to
 not to incur censure, at
 any rate.

I married here, & had
 one of the best of wives. To
 my great grief & misfortune,
 four years ago she became
 insane, & is now in the Lu-
 natic Asylum, without
 hope of recovery. We had
 no children. So, as I started
 life - (or as in my early boy-
 hood) I am alone in the world.

J. B. Macfarlane

I had just a few days ^{ago}
before I heard of his death.
I learned that Hon. Thos. Williams
was in the Legislature, I should have
written to him, had he lived - As I
said, I have lost sight of all of
my school fellows -

I would like to know
what became of our school-
teacher Mr. Anderson - I
predicted big things for him.
It may have been merely a
boyish fancy. What has become
of Charley Gee - ?

Now remember, I have not written
to you as the Gov. of N.C. - but
as Elias Carr - & if you answer
this at all, do so, in the same spirit -
If it would interest you to know
anything further about one the
member from Cherokee Co.,^{N.C.} Hon. A.
Campbell, is an old acquaintance who
has visited my home -
your school-fellow

Jacob Eaton Alsobrook