

Personal 14th Mch 95

Gov Elias Carr,
City

Dear Governor,

I am delighted to think the
Legislature of 1895 is a thing of the past,
which sentiment I know you endorse.
I am very glad to report, which you
have of course learned ere this, that
we succeeded in tabling the N.C.A. bill
by a considerable majority in the
Senate. This of course required a good
deal of hard work among the Populists
& Republicans, as of course the Democrats
were all right. I got Capt. Kitchen to
make a speech in the Populist Caucus,
which fixed them solid: & then I got
my Senator old Mr. White, a very
honest old man even in spite of his
politics, to make a speech in the
Senate against the bill, so as to divide
the Republicans, which he did.
Thus I congratulate you that you

will still have the appointment of Proxy
& Directors, without any complications. And
I can guarantee the State & the private Stockholders
that we have defeated the biggest job that
has been proposed in the State since 1868-9.
And while I have only your agreement to
withdraw your opposition to our Tax Exemption,
provided we were defeated in a suit fight
against this bill; & then we private Stock-
holders, standing upon our constitutional rights
& the decisions of the Courts, act with
your proxy, & decline to recognize Mr
Smathers. — I say, while I have no assur-
ance from you, in the event of the
victory we have won — still I take it
from the nature of the case, that you will
now, voluntarily, cheer & do so, for this fight
has demonstrated to you that the
only bulwark of safety the State has
in the protection of this grand piece
of property, is the Chartered & vested
rights so confidently & successfully
relied upon by the Private Stockholders.
Remove these, and the gateway to plunder

is thrown wide open: and the rapacious Fusionists will have no check to their jobbery & robbery in 1896, if we should be unfortunate enough to loose the State. And further, you have the consciousness of having fully discharged your duty, in advocating what you thought was right. But the verdict of a Democratic Legislature two years ago, & the verdict of a Populist-Republican Legislature now, indicates that the sentiment of the people is with the private Stockholders position in this matter; & therefore you can gracefully withdraw your opposition.

Hence, now, I reach the object of this letter, which is to say — that, if these views are agreeable to you, & you have not selected any one to fill the place on the Board of Directors, caused by the death of Mr. Hornegay, I would be pleased

to present, for your consideration
the name of Capt Peebles, in recognition
of his efficient party services in
the House. I cannot, however, with
propriety ask this, or even suggest it,
if you propose to adhere to your
former views; for he is a subscriber
to the suit in the Federal Court now
pending before Judge Simonton.

With best wishes & hoping that
you are much better, & hoping to hear
from you favorably at Hillsboro
Dam, dear Sir, in highest respect
Very sincerely
Benjamin Cameron

CAPITAL CLUB,
RALEIGH, N. C.

State of North Carolina,
Executive Department,

Received. *Mar. 15. 1895*

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*Governor Elias Carr
Raleigh
N.C.*

