

Tarboro Nc April 10<sup>th</sup> 1895

Honored & Esteemed Friend

Weak and weary under the heavy hand of affliction I have followed your every action in the "Legislative fraud" with the deepest interest and am sure you are the right man, in the right place and from my very heart I say "may the Lord be with you" amen; amen, now my dear Sir, as to the magistrates, will you put in the "hard" or will you sift them, But I know you will do right & I will avoid your action, I do think Butler's cartoon was ridiculous & he utterly failed to convict Mr. Cleveland of "miscegenation" or to make Douglas a Democrat, and to tell you the plain truth Douglas & Governor "O'Connell," "Darkie" have attracted entirely too much unnecessary attention & I can only do feel sorry for the Governor, for he was not up to the times or he would have hotly requested the two col men, to keep their seats & their dinner.

would be served to them at the second  
table, according to the custom at the South  
and this "just what I would <sup>have</sup> done under  
the circumstances, for I believe the negro  
was put on that Committee to try the Southern  
people on this very question & it would have been  
a good job off. The last time I wrote you was about  
"Licket scratches" and it seems their "sen has  
found them out for the Judge of our Inferior  
Court is out in the cold, and I see that  
many <sup>several</sup> are disgusted with Hussey,  
But I will not make my letter too long, for  
I find I can't keep the lines with one eye, and  
I am sorry to tell you that the disease has  
attacked me in the mouth & is even extending  
to my throat, & that it will soon be over with  
me, & the hemorrhage from my mouth & throat  
is simply, terrible, so Political complications  
will not affect me, but I give for those  
who come after me.

With best wishes for you & yours I am  
as ever your friend  
E D Macrae

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Please enclose my slip in a note to  
Mr Zelfer.