

[To Hon. Elias Carr, Raleigh, N. C.]

Tarboro N. C. May 18th 75

My dear Friend,

When I received your token of kindness, through Mr Lewis, it was out of my power to write and I asked him to do so, he says he did, but, it was really so opportune, I must thank you now, "for a friend in need is a friend indeed" & on account of tight times our little stipend had been so delayed, I was utterly ^{that day} without means, ^{within} he handed it to me it was such a relief to me it will long be remembered I assure you, as when ^{one} reaches the place I am just at. It is not the fear of death that troubles him, But, what he may have to go through before death & so ^{does} it with me, that day, & it was the first time & I hope the last tho, I have been ⁱⁿ some pretty close places several times before & have been relieved in the same ^{forlorn} manner & I am thankful to say I have never yet suffered ^{now} tho, my condition is critical, with all my mouth dropped out, ^{of the bone} from ulceration, & unable to take any nourishment only in liquid, I think I can, with sincerity pray God have mercy upon me, yet with all this upon me in the laps of our dear little Josephine we have all suffered greatly

consoled by the fact however that she is now an angel
in Heaven for, "of such as she," In the Kingdom of
Heaven and now farewell my heart is too full to
write any more

With best wishes for you + yours.

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Please excuse defects for
my time is nearly out
& the mercy & love of our
Father in Heaven may
only be ofp EDM

I am truly your affected
friend E. M. Macie