

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

Salisbury, N. C., June 26th, '95.

To His Excellency,

Hon. Elias Carr,

Governor of North Carolina.

My Dear Governor:

I received a few days since a letter from Mr. James Reeves, formerly of this place, who was sent to the penitentiary three years ago for a seven years term. He writes to me, requesting that I use my influence with you in his behalf. I do this with trepidation. In the first place, I know you are governed entirely by duty, and that you will not reverse a decision of the Court without just cause; but I write to ask, my dear sir, if it is in the line of your duty to show some clemency to this unfortunate man, consistent with your idea of justice, I would appreciate highly your interference in his behalf. He is supposed to be weak-minded, and I really think the most of his crime was committed while he was under the influence of strong drink. He tells me he has a position offered him in Virginia, which he could fill, provided he should meet with your mercy. I write this letter at his earnest request. Wishing for you great prosperity, and a continuance of the course that has endeared you to all North Carolinians, I am, with great respect,

Sincerely, yours,

Mary R. Price

Mrs Elias Price