

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

about it - when she
came and she advised
Mama to let me go
twelve months if no
longer. She thought it
would be so beneficial
and Mr. Stator compli-
ments the school very
highly. Mrs. Simmons
told me when she was
here that Prof. Simmons
sister would meet the
N.C. girls in Charlotte
and take them right
to Cuzala. Mrs. Sarah

Leahurst N.C.
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Dear Gov. Carr.

Hope you will
pardon me for bothering
you, but I have a plea-
sure in hand I would like
very much to carry out
provided you do not
object. It is this. I am
exceedingly anxious to
complete my education
in music and my in-
tentions are to be able

to support myself. I had
a class in music all
the winter, then took
lessons from Mr. Hilkin,
son's teacher besides. I could
have graduated this
summer at Mr. Hilkin-
son's but when I grad-
uate I want higher
honors than he gives.
Now Mrs. J. S. Limmons
school is considered the
finest in the United
States and besides being
a fine teacher she is
a splendid manager
of girls. I am almost
crazy to take music
from her and especi-

ally ever since she gave
such a grand concert-
here a few nights ago.
Mamma has consented
for me to go to her
school if you are willing
I have made myself
this promise. If I go I
am going to make every
cent back that I spent
when I begin to teach.
If I have not the money
to go I'm going to try
and get Mamma to send
me then I will pay it
all back by teaching.
Mrs. Cobb was over here
a few nights ago and
I was talking to Mamma

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Porter is going to send
Lallie. I send you a
catalogue by to-day's mail.
Now Dr. Cass I am very
anxious to attend and
please advise me what
you think would be
best to do. Of course I
am willing to be gov-
erned entirely by what
you say. Please answer
as soon as possible.

With best wishes

Your sincere friend
Mary Cotten.