

Salisbury, N. C., July 15th 1895

His Excellency
Gov. Elias Cott-

Dear Gov. I take the liberty of sending you per Express
4 1/2 gals of extra fine corn whiskey with my com-
-piments. This whiskey has a history and there is
no doubt about its being at least five years
old. It was seized in Montgomery Ala. in the
Spring of 1890 as the property of my clients
for alleged violation of the Intemperance Res-
-olution. We fought the case at every point, won
it in the Circuit Court of the United
States and the Government appealed
to the Court of Appeals at New Orleans
La. and a few months ago that
Court affirmed the decision of
the Court below and ordered the
whiskey released. It has been a long
fight & a tough fight, but the whiskey
has been improving with a good good
judges here pronounce it excellent.
Please accept my, faithfully,
It with my
respects
Lee S. Overman