

PETERSBURG, VA., December 2^d 1895

His Excellency Elias Carr.

My Dear Governor:

When I last saw you - indeed when I last wrote to you - I had no idea of changing my residence, but it seems now that the necessity is upon me. I wish I could remain in North Carolina and help you redeem the good old State, but the death of my wife has broken up the family and my daughter will live here with her brother, Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle. These are all I have, and they want me to be near them. Now, I do not hesitate to ask you to do me a personal favor. I want you to send me such a statement as will show your estimate of me as a man and an editor.

I will probably apply for a place
on one of the Richmond papers.
Of course, I had rather be in Raleigh,
but I hardly think that I could
make a satisfactory arrangement
with Mr Daniels.

As ever

Yours most truly
William A. Battle

C. A. Battle