

Camp near Black Ferry
Warr Co NC
Dec 8th 1895

Gov Elias Carr

Reeluga NC

My Dear friend

I went home on the 30th of Nov and attended a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday the 2^d Dec; and returned to camp by moonlight Monday night. Tuesday your letter dated 18th Nov and directed to Pleasant Hill was forwarded to me having been forwarded several times. This is the first opportunity I have had to reply. Our camp life does somewhat remind me of war times, but I can assure you it is much more pleasant than it is with

The terrors of battle, I had much rather suffer the humdrum of a quiet camp life than to go in battle & it would be hard for me to believe a man who had tried both to say differently. We have had splendid weather most of this & I have made out very well and enjoyed good health, though it has been a much larger job than I expected. We have crossed the river & got our line some six miles along the Meekling bay line, will move camp tomorrow near to Palmer's Springs Va. Everything is working harmoniously & we are progressing more rapidly since leaving the swamps.

Your sent bale of cotton from the Denton place

was shipped by my son in my absence to Friday & Fine. Norfolk Va. some time ago he thought you wished it so if you haven't heard anything from it please write & find out if it has been received. My son has the R.R. receipt.

When I draw pay for my services I will go to Raleigh to see you & try and settle up those old claims which you have so kindly indulged me in so long. The other matter to which you refered shall have my attention. With my kindest regards for yourself & family, I am as ever

Your friend &c
R. W. Alston