

HOWARD & CO.,

HARDWARE,

OFFICE OF
EDGECOMBE MACHINE SHOPS,Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 26th 1895

You have

Dear friend.

I will

state that John Oats was my informant and said that you and he were talking about the money and concluded it would be best to call in the money and buy in the land as it would have to be sold to pay off the debts, ^{for the children} as I then made application to the bank for \$14,000 as I expected to raise the balance myself.

I can get the money at 6 per cent but without extra cost I would rather since you state that you don't want the money, pay you the debt and one hundred dollars on principal and hoping and believing that you will reduce the interest to the legal rate and oblige an old friend, please write soon further state when you will be at home so I can see you and

if you come home unexpected please let me
know while there so I can go and see you
if you dont expect to come soon please write
at once (as I desire to fix it up as soon
as possible so as to send all the debt I can)
and what to do with the \$100.00 and sent to Jay

1st 1896.

I subscribe myself your Obedt Servt

J R Moore

Crisp O'Connell