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Personal.

[To: Elias Carr, Raleigh, D.C.]

Jan'y 6th 1896.

Governor Elias Carr.

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Governor: I want, in confidence, to ask you two or three questions about the present status of the C. C. R. R..

We had definite assurance that you had advised with your Attorney General about the legality of this lease before we ever acted. We were positively assured that, in the judgment and opinion of that officer, the lease was valid and we knew you approved of it. I still think as matters of law that it is valid; but the Atty. General seems to have changed his mind. Please write me what is the inside of this matter. I know Osborne to be a first class lawyer, and a loyal man to his convictions, and, above all, a man entirely fearless of public clamor and opinion. The fear of adverse criticism for refusing to allow the

ever to be brought round now have made him
swore a pain's brother from which he can-
cided to be right. Now if his opinion as
to the legality of the lease has not changed
(and I can't believe it has), what was the ne-
cessity for entraining the heavy loss upon
the state and stock holders that ensued
upon the giving of his permission to
bring that out? What is the "inside" of
the thing? I am not a very large
stock holder myself, but I imagine
the larger stockholders feel a little un-
certain of this ground if the alleg. gene.
is uncertain of his -

Kindly at your leisure give
me reply to this.

With high regard

Yours
J. J. Jones