

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

United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,

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Honorable Elias Carr,
Governor of North Carolina,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear sir:-

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, respecting an advancement to a more lucrative position of Miss L. T. Harrison of Clinton, N. C., is received. I should be very glad if such promotion was possible under the rules of the Department, but it is not. She addresses envelopes, and is not fitted for much higher work. Her deportment is good. It seems she is a very sickly person, and loses a great deal of time. In 1894 she was absent from duty 62½ days, including absence from sickness and annual leave. In 1895 she was absent 124 days, 30 of which were on account of annual leave and 94 on account of sickness or other disability, 64 of which were without pay. There are clerks in this Department who lose no time on account of sickness, and do not take all the 30 days annual leave allowed by law, and who rank much higher in ability who are receiving the same amount of salary. So, dear Governor, you see how impossible it is to advance her to a more lucrative position.

Very respectfully,

Walter H. Morton
Secretary