

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

Matter. The amended "Act" to
the "Act" creating the Circuit
Criminal Courts, retained the
Solicitor (Col. Brown) and the
Clerk in office until the expiration
of their terms and made no
provision for such a contingency
as the death or resignation of
either them before the expiration
of their respective terms. It is
too clear to admit of a doubt
that the Solicitor of the District
can not fill the unexpired term
and that the appointing power
rests with the Governor of the
State. It is fortunate that it
is so, because that County needs
a local Solicitor and New
Hanover is now suffering for the
want of one.

Very truly
Your Obedt Servt
O. P. Meares

Warboro, N. C.
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Gov Elias Carr
Governor

I have been
induced by the solicitations of
several of my friends who are
prominent citizens of the
County of Mecklenburg to
recommend the appointment
of Mr J D McCall to the
vacant Solicitorship of the
Circuit Criminal Court of
that County. While I entertain
the opinion that his appointment
would be a good one and
would meet with the approval
of a large portion of the

Democratic Party of that County; including many of the most prominent Citizens; yet if there had been some others of the Charlotte Bar of equal claims upon the position who had announced their desire to obtain the appointment I would have declined recommending either of them for obvious reasons.

I have received letters however informing me that Mr McCull (up to yesterday) was the only person who had been generally spoken of and who has expressed his desire to be appointed. I have received letters, among others from Senator W. C. Dowd and Mr Alexander (Member of the House of Representatives), assuring me that the appointment of Mr McCull would be a

very popular one and would give general satisfaction.

He has practiced before me for ^{my} a number of years and I think his appointment would be a judicious one because in the first place he is a man of good private character and of sober and industrious habits.

In the next place he is possessed of the requisite professional ability and in the next place he has done good service to the Democratic Party.

I am informed that some members of the Charlotte Bar have expressed the opinion that it will be incumbent upon the District Solicitor to fill the vacancy created by Col. Brown's death. In my opinion this is an erroneous view of the