

[TO: Eliás Carr. Raleigh, N.C.]

LIBRARY

Greenville N.C. Feb. 20th 1896

My Dear Governor.

I am in receipt of your two letters of kindness and sympathy and I sincerely thank you for them. The account of the fire which you saw in the papers was not at all an exaggerated account. I was not at the fire, I could not get out, and have not been down town since the fire, I am still laid up from my hurt, but many people have been up to see me and from them I get the facts. According to these accounts the paper hardly represented it as bad as it really is.

The Mrs M. A. Jarvis who lost the store is the widow of a Mr. Bronson Jarvis who died here some years ago. The loss falls heavily upon her for the rents from her stores was her support and from them she was managing some how to send her son to the University. I deeply sympathize with the poor woman.

The loss of my library is a serious matter

with me. I had started myself in spending
money to get a good library and I had
a very fine one. Now I have not so much
as a Rival Code. I do not mean, however,
to surrender. but I am thinking seriously of
looking for an opening in Raleigh. If I saw
the way to a good partnership there I would
consider it.

As I wrote you yesterday I have a
hope of getting to the New Bern Fair next week.
While I am confined to the house now I hope
my injuries will be sufficiently cured for
me to get out the first of the week. I have
been shut up in the house three weeks to-morrow
night and I am impatient to get out. It
is time for some one to begin to prepare for
the fight this year. I wanted to be in Raleigh
this week and look with you and Clark
and others but I was unable to do. If I can
get to New Bern next week I can see many.
I want to get the trend of the political thought.
I hope to be able to do so

Truly yours.

Wm. J. Jarvis