

February 21<sup>st</sup> 1896.

To His Excellency The Governor of North Carolina,  
Hon Elias Carr,  
Sir,

Mrs. Hume desires me to represent her in replying to your invitation to aid in furthering the success of the entertainment for the benefit of the Vance Monument Fund. She deeply regrets that her recent affliction in the death of her father prevents her from undertaking a service that commands all her sympathy and would enlist all her activity if circumstances permitted. Arrangements will be made for supplying her place. I have the honor to be, with high regard,  
Very truly,  
Thos. Hume