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Executive Department,
Raleigh.

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Dear Elias:

The bones and sawags
came to hand yesterday afternoon
and have been enjoyed as usual.
I think the former more so than
ever. The hogs were young which
made them tender, the bones were
well separated, there was just
a sufficiency of meat left
upon them and our cook served
them deliciously. Cooled to
a turn. I know I never en-
joyed food more. Dinner was
remembered.

Mrs. Van Rivedal is seriously
ill and of course Mattie is con-

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respondingly miserable. Button
is extremely doubtful as to her
recovery. She was much better a
day or so ago, but was taken suddenly
much worse, and at her writing
was delirious. She has my sympathy.

Aunt Bruce had a chill yesterday
evening, fever all night and in bed
all day, the better to night.

Judge Shepherd, Secty Cook, Auditor
Inman and I spent to day
at Wake Forest College very pleasantly,
looking over the College buildings,
the Society Hall, library &c &c.

There was nothing of political
significance in the visit, but

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you will doubtless see in papers &
the contrary notwithstanding.

I still have faith in cotton's
advancing.

You must come up when
you can and make a long
visit.

All join in love.

Affectionately

Father -