April 30. 4

Hon. F. M. Simmons

Raleigh N.C.

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 25th. inst. asking that you may be put in possession of a letter received by me from the late Senator Z.B. Vance in regard to his opposition to your confirmation as collector for the Eastern District of N.C.

As this is a personal letter - but relating to a public matter - and concerning you more deeply than any one else, I