

February 10th 1896.

Horace F. Smith Esq.

Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith return contract signed as requested. The delay has been caused by my absence from the City. Following your suggestion the Committee has decided that it would be more satisfactory to have a personal interview with you. I will immediately apply to R.R. Headquarters for a pass for you to and from Raleigh and will let you know by tomorrow's mail, if possible. However, if unable to secure same, we will share the expense with you.

Very truly yours,

*Elihu Carr*

Chairman Vance Mem. Ass.