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J. Bryan Grimes, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a letter that you can use as you please and I will add anything further you may desire. I have now about ready for press a new Bulletin entitled "Farming in North Carolina. Being hints as to the better use of our soil and its products" I hope that this will be the means of helping many to a better system of farming. It will be out very shortly as I have already taken to manuscript to the acting Director.

With best wishes for your success I am
Yours truly,

W. F. Massey

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Washington, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 14th at hand. I will be happy to comply with your request as soon as I can possibly find time to do so. At present I am overrun with work and as all the letters I write and all the work I do for the P. F. and other papers are all done at night after a day's work in College and without any aid from a stenographer, who is then gone home, you may imagine that I have no sinecure, for besides my journalistic work I wrote direct to farmers last year over 3000 letters with my own fingers, and the demand all the time increases, for more of the Station letters are referred to me than the stenographer at the office writes. I will endeavor to give you the article soon. So far as the land in your section is concerned there is no doubt about its value for farm purposes. But I believe that it will be better in the long run to boldly face the fact that the section has a reputation for malaria, and to tell all comers the only way to keep clear of it. I would not be afraid to locate there, for I have been used to such a location years ago and know how to live to avoid trouble. But if you get some folks from abroad there and they get the chills, they will give the chills to all their friends back North and keep them from coming. The Northern people who have settled in Columbus Co. say they have had no trouble, but they have ditched and drained and have taken every precaution. It will be better to tell people these things plainly and let them know the real facts.

Yours, W. F. Massey