

[To Elias Carr, Esq. Tarboro, N.C.]

Warrenton, N.C.

May 28: '66.

Dear Sir:

Since my dear wife
passed away, I have been
so unhappy & discontented
here, that I have determined
to settle in Baltimore,
if I can dispose of the
little property, the late war
of plunder & devastation
has left me ~~hardly~~
on fair terms. Yr. brother's
wife has just left my
office, (having called for
medicine for a sick child)
& informed me that you,
in all probability, would
like to purchase my
place in the town. I have
recently put it in better

condition than it has ever
been in since I owned it.
I do not suppose that, at
present, there is as desirable
a place in the town. Indeed,
it has been the hardest strug-
gle of my life to make up
my mind to give it up.

But here I am constantly
contrasting the gloomy re-
ality of the Present, with
the bright joys of the
Past, & every thing is man-
tled with the pall of death.
Amid new & earnest asso-
ciations, & spurround with
race of professional am-
bition by the noble name
of Science in a wider & more
widening field, perhaps
I may again look forward
to better days.

Please let me hear from

you immediately, if you
have any idea of purcha-
sing my place. You can
take possession at once, &
you will find an excellent
garden, a plenty of rice, &
every thing for family use.

I design visiting Raleigh
on the 3rd June, to attend
the Meeting of the State
Medical Society. It is
probable that I shall
find some physician
who would like to suc-
ceed me. In the event of
my going away, it would
be the best opening in N.C.,
for a diligent & experienced
physician.

Don't my kind regards
to Mrs. C.

Very truly yours,
W. P. Howard.