

[To Elias Carr, Tarboro, N. C.

"  
Buxton Place."

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1866.

Dear Elias

Yours was received some time since inviting me to visit you this spring, to enjoy the nice Fish. It would afford me great pleasure to do so, and while with you, to visit my friend Mr. Geo A. Vines, whose kindness I shall always keep in lively remembrance; and had flattered myself with that hope, but many things conspire to prevent my doing so. I attend but little to any business, but every thing requires my general supervision, and now that I have commenced planting, it is absolutely necessary for me to devote my attention or I shall make nothing. I am working 18 Hans, they have done but little during winter, but think they <sup>will</sup> work from this time, and have every confidence that they will make a fair crop. Hope you getting on well with your farm. I write this letter, to say to you, that Mr. Jas. T. Russell of this County placed that Bond of yours given to Haskins, in my hands with a request that I would collect the money for him; therefore if convenient, you may send it up by first favorable opportunity. It was given for \$100. in Oct. 1860.

<sup>Maria Kearny</sup>  
Cousin was sick last week, but well yesterday as Dr. Williams informed me, Cousin Polly Whit very feeble. My children are well, and do every thing they can for my comfort, but there is a great vacuum, one that can never filled, but few men could lose such a wife as I lost, she was to us every thing. But it is unnecessary for me to attempt to tell you of her many noble traits of mind & heart. She was above

Rubie - I am endeavoring to live for that better land, for I find there is no  
lasting happiness here - its all fleeting and momentary - Remember me  
affectionately to Ella & kiss the little ones for me.

affectionately yr Uncle.

J. Buston Williams