

OFFICE OF

ROCKY MOUNT MILLS,

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

SEND NOTHING BY EXPRESS
UNLESS SO INSTRUCTED.

PREPAY YOUR TELEGRAMS.

*Answered from Tobacco Bank**Feb 17 1881*

Dear Colonel:

The Park Bank has gotten after us very sharply about our balances and I have promised to see that we keep at least \$2000. They say that we ought to keep \$15,000 to \$20,000 but will not insist on this at present.

Jim Ruffin cannot stand the temptation of keeping no balance and I would be glad if you would sign enclosed as a positive check on him.

I think the Bank will drop us if we do not do this. Yrs.
(over) Thos. H. Battle

P.S. Feb 19

We have lost pretty heavily
by incendiary fires this week
but I hope they are over.

- They are clearly retaliation
for some demonstration against
Exodus agents.