

Ridgeway, N.C. - 6-2-91.

Cousin Elias:-

I owe you an apology & to myself is due an explanation of my failure to answer yr favour of the 1st ulto. I had to deal with other parties & a sale which I anticipated effecting daily was only consummated yesterday. Then too, I ^{had} learned it was best for my wife to deed the land to you & me directly; & this being so, I desired to defer such action till after I should sell this piece I sold yesterday as I could thereby save trouble & expense of getting yr Coris E's deed, relinquishmt &c from Edgecombe. I felt satisfied the return postal had assured you of the arrival of the note &c for which accept my thanks. Yr. collea-

lation I take to be O.K. & I will call on
you for balance due me. \$17⁴⁴/₁₀₀ when
I make statement to you of expenses in
making deeds, surveying &c & at the same
time trust to remit you purchase money
for the land - which is to be cut off
to day.

I am sorry I didn't answer promptly
& let you know what I was doing.
I always attend to a thing as soon as I can.
I have been sick & my people & my neighbors
& everything got behind with me.
I shall be glad to see you if you have
time to visit me on your annual
trip over country.

With regards I remain Yrs truly
T. B. Williams