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Mr Elias Carr.

Old Sparta N.C.

My Dear Sir - While at the State Convention I had the pleasure of orally offering my briefest Congratulations - I now write to promise you the largest vote any man ever has received in our County. I do this and make this promise in all sincerity and the return will show us out on Nov^{8th}. Your nomination has given general satisfaction and, what is a great thing in politics, has offended none of the party workers. It was no hard or painful thing for us in the Convention to give you on 5th, 6th ballots 15 out of an 20 votes.

I will ask you to pardon me for making a few suggestions - I flatter myself with the belief that I know something about carrying elections. I cast my first vote ten years ago and our County gave a

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may find that years of less than a hundred for some of our constituents; now our may find is more than 2000. I have been connected with every campaign in that interval and know how that mission was accomplished.

The chief cause has been, that in every campaign every white voter in this County has been fully informed of the issue, and been called upon to do something. We have accomplished this by sending to every voter some literature through the mail to his address - no matter how poor or ignorant he was. From time to time he has received something which has let him know that he was not forgotten. We have every man, woman, poor officer and politician recorded in my office and I used to disseminate something, to doubt for men another and to reputation, avoid

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Some of this literature we get from Washington and Raleigh but we have found that a County paper carefully filled with Conservative editorials and truthful information is more effective than anything we could get. I think it of vital importance that this plan shall be adopted over the State wherever it has not been put in force already. If this is done we have nothing to fear from the People's Party; but in their present frame of mind unless some soothing measures are taken to inform the people I fear that organization will make some headway. I do not think that it will seriously affect you - because every one appears to be satisfied with your nomination; but if that party takes the field and antagonizes the National ticket, our local tickets,

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must necessarily suffer from the demoralization and distrust that will follow. It seems to me we ought to organize at once - and begin the circulating of strong earnest and friendly democratic papers - and above all else stop fighting among democrats over Submorsos which are not now issues before the people.

Then in July and August let us have in every County a big rally, barbecue picnic and political meeting combined, these will draw immense crowds and alloy all bitterness and soreness and afterwards we will have smooth sailing

with Best wishes, I am

Yours Truly
Jas. H. Pou