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Dear Carr -

My dear son

Sitting alone to-night thinking of old times & old friends, and knowing that you had not been well, I thought a few lines might do you good to show that you are remembered at least - Too often friendships last only so long as one can be of service. I was, before leaving Raleigh, nearly worn out by anxiety, loss of sleep & the furious crowd of Populists & Republicans were nearly solidly against me and it was uncertain how many Populist Democrats would control, with his paper and constant attendance in the lobby we feared we give trouble. Besides Rapsah had his kind attorney, Doug Walker & Douglas with Mott and others all the time at work. It was admitted

That I had the largest following of any
candidate for reelection and it was the policy
of all combined to keep off action in my
con so as to keep me out of the race

This with being loaded by others made
it at one time very uncertain, but
the true Democrats God bless them stand
as close to ~~the~~ ^{me} as Napoleons body guards.
and I won by a good majority. I never
intended to offer for reelection but did
not intend to be driven off - some pretended
friends lied others were treacherous being
Jo Dunks paper - But mark it I have put
them on the list. So D. or his co conspir-
ators or any one they run even if W. J. B
can never get my vote. The Goldstons may
be headed by Allen and Tacked by the Buffalo
Calk come up there with their bills
drawn and their officers allotted, but
the best laid schemes ~~to~~ - not a bill
as drawn was papered and up to date no
one has an office, but Ben Aycock may
get his, tho' this is by no means certain
Judge Hill was in my office to-day
and says Bill Doy will win his case.

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If so the next legislature will have in-
stead of \$100,000 to pay in debts will have
to appropriate $\frac{1}{4}$ million - In my opinion
this the legislature may have been an able
one it was not a wise one - The first
thing to have done should have been to
draw articles of impeachment against
Napell and take no action this would
have suspended him until he was
tried if ever and thus get rid of his affairs
without doubtful legislation and litigation.
Pass the election law and the constitutional
amendment and adjourn - as it is we go
into the next election on the defensive.

The progress of the amendment is at this
time by no means certain - The corporations
provided for last campaign 90 per cent

of the fund, and instead of cultivating them
a bitter war was made upon them,
To carry the state against the amendment
the Republican party north side flooded our
State with money - where ever we get any
who our only married men on board.

Probably I am getting tedious but felt
like giving my views to an old friend
in whom judgment as well as loyalty
I have the greatest confidence. I'm speak-
ing of the legislation much except your country
it was represented well - Hope your farming
is in better shape than mine - have not
our a plow this year and fear it is now too
late to but in spring out, even should the
rain stop too wet to do any thing this week,
having every thing to buy to feed 20 head of
mules is calculated to give an attack of
blues - Hope Dr. John is well again and
with kind regards to all I am

Most sincerely

Jas. W. Wilson