

Thomasville N.C.
March 31st 1894

Hon. Elias Carr, Gov.

Raleigh N.C.

My Dear Sir;

I am writing a book, which I call, The Farmers Guide to Success or Book-Keeping on the farm. The first part of this book will treat of the science of Book-Keeping, Business papers, accts &c. then will follow a complete Diary, from 1st Jan'y to 31st Dec. - beginning with an Inventory of all the farmer owns; Real Estate, Live Stock, Movable Property, Furniture (H & K) Farm Products on hand, &c. - next will follow a Journal (as I propose ^{for him to f} keep his books - double entry) then the Ledger - showing which accts. close into Loss & Gain - & Balance accts. - The Day Book or Diary, Journal & Ledger will be a Model Set for his guidance, after the Ledger will follow all the business papers ~~with~~ ^{for} which he might have use, & last short rules ^{for counting} on interest, percentage &c. with tables of weights & measures

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I know you have been a very large & successful farmer & I was told to day that you kept books on your farm & know exactly what it cost you to produce your various crops. I therefore write to you, believing you will give me some valuable points in regard to my work.

I am convinced, that it is very important the farmer should keep books - & I feel sure if they will try it one year they will not give it up.

Do you think I am right? will you please give me any points on the matter. My plan for introducing the work is this. 1st teach my system to young men, ^{then} have them go in the County

& teach the farmers or their children. I opened my Commercial School here 8th inst with 12 scholars & now have 25. If you know of any young men who would like to take the course please send them to me.

Yours Very Respectfully W. H. Wetmore