

He does not handle the subject to my satisfaction, and I do not think his interviews will advance our object. Still I may be mistaken. I will certainly try to keep up with our friend Miss Landers, and if the matter assumes any new aspect will let you know promptly. Just now is not a good time to urge her to action, as she wishes personally to superintend the clearing of the statue. If any opportune time arrives to urge her, I will not be slow to improve it. Quiescence is not always inactivity.

Cottondale N. C.

May 12th 1894

Gov. Elias Carr,

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter, enclosing a communication from Miss Landers, has been received, and I appreciate your remembrance of my unflagging interest in the statue of Virginia Dare. Miss Landers had already advised me of her decision, so I was not surprised. I realize that we must "bide our

time" and learn to "contain our souls with patience." I have had two letters from her this year, in one of which she says she regards the statue as the property of our Association now but its delivery prevented by circumstances, and makes full statement of the fact that it is to be a bequest.

Being a gift, I have tried to handle the matter delicately, so as not to "over-reach" myself and disgust her by any clamors for immediate delivery. Impatience on our part would

be both ingraceful, and ungrateful. I hope you will go to see her when you go to Washington, and assure her of our cheerful acquiescence to her decision, and of our sincere wish that her "days may be long", in spite of our enforced waiting. But for her sickness in November I think the transfer of the Statue to Raleigh would have been accomplished. Now we must wait. I do not understand your allusion to "Col. Whitford's last interview with her". Has he been to see Miss Lander lately?

As to our new Senator, the state furnished no warmer sincerer endorsement of the appointment than was felt at Cottondale.

We watch his movements with great interest, confident that he will fill the position with honor to his state, to his friends, to himself, and with credit and justice to his illustrious predecessor. We hope for him a long and brilliant career as a Senator, believing in his ability, patriotism, and loyalty to his people and his party.

Mr. Cotten joins me in
kindest regards to all your
family. -

If you wish Miss Lander's
letter returned, let me know.
Otherwise I will keep it with
her other letters, as documentary
testimony of our claim to the
bequest, in case of accident.

Very Sincerely

Sallie P. Cotten

Gov. Elias Carr,
Raleigh,
N.C.



Governor Elias Carr,
Raleigh,
North Carolina.

