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Governor Ellis Can.

Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Governor.

If you remember, I wrote you
a year or so ago, asking you not to appoint
one W. H. Lawrence, a Negro Republican of this
place, to the position of Notary Public. &
I am still of the opinion that, as a
matter of political principle, unless there
is some cogent reason for a change, a
Democratic Administration should not
appoint radicals to office. The last election
seems to have furnished me of those cogent
reasons, & I now write to ask, if it meets
with your approval, that you appoint him.
I have been requested by Republicans several
times, to write you about this man, but have

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unanimously declined. In the Union given. Circumstances are now very much changed, & I think with the money men that are coming into power, that his appointment would probably prove a benefit rather than a detriment to the Conservative interest here - There are two factions in the Radical party here, bitterly hostile to each other, & if we can use that hostility to divide them ~~existently~~ & forever, I am not averse to doing it by any means that are legitimate - I think this appointment can be made one of the means - However, you, as the Court of last resort, must determine what is best to be done - Mr Robert Hancock, now in Raleigh will probably call to see you about it -

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I have submitted this matter to day, to
 several Democrats, & they agree with me,
 that the appointment, at this time,
 would be wise. - Please regard this as
 entirely confidential, & destroy this letter.
 I ask its destruction, not that I am averse
 to assuming any responsibility for what I
 say, but because, I do not care always
 to come to the front in matters in which
 others are as much interested as I am.
 In the further course that other letters
 I have written, or rather their contents,
 have in some manner found their way into
 the possession of those about whom
 they were written, & caused unnecessary personal
 animosity. - I am always ready to
 assume any responsibility that the

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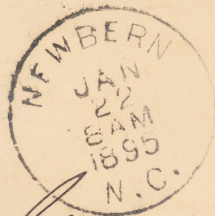
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party's welfare requires & the position I
have outlined, I trust you will appreciate.
Very truly yours
James A. Bryan

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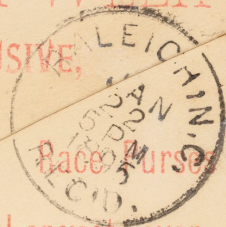
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