

(Personal and Confidential.)

Mills River, Henderson ^{County} N. C., March 23rd 1898.

Hon. Elias Carr

Governor North Carolina,

Raleigh N. C.

Dear Sir:

In case of the precipitation of vacancy in a judgeship to which I would be eligible, the filling of which vacancy would devolve, by law, upon the Executive, I presume to invoke favorable consideration at your hands without being driven to the usual formality of canvassing by petition.

For the battle is often to the strong and the race to the swift, with little other merit commending. And when the waters are agitated, one is often deferred to the superior agility of another.

I hope to be pardoned for thus presuming a personal (not official) communication and not insisting, either, that propriety demands response.

Very respectfully,

Your obt servant, J. J. Osborne.

From

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