

Rocky Mount, N.C.,
May 9, '95.

Dear Cousin Elias:

I have not neglected
the enquiry about the old side-board.
The day after you were here I
wrote brother Jesse asking if he
would sell it and the price, if so.
Not hearing I wrote again in
four days ago, getting no re-
sponse to no. 2, wrote Saturday
for the third time.

Today Ned Cord saying he wd.
sell and asking price I wd.
pay. I said nothing as to your
wanting it but assured him if
wd. not go out of the family.
Have not yet replied to his card
but will as soon as I hear
from you suggesting ^{amount} ~~price~~ to offer.
I do not suppose he expects, or
would ask, more than a

nominal figure.

When you reply give shipping directions, packing instructions &c.

Today I rec'd from Chief (Monumental) Marshall Carroll an invitation to act as assistant at the unveiling but am compelled to decline on account of being away all of next week about meeting at Salisbury and crowded appointments, in consequence, already made for May 21, 22 & 23.

At any other time would gladly have accepted.

I don't like the way Whitaker and Day treated you last week and if you want to call them down now or hereafter, and will accept my assistance, in any way you

may suggest, please command me.
Will serve you at a moment's
notice and wont ever be too
busy to respond.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours Sincerely,
S. O. Willard.