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TO: Elias Carr, Raleigh, D. C.

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An. Elias Carr, Esq.
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Sir,

Replying to your valued favor
15th recd last night, I am not in
a position to name a price for
the road. The parties in whose
interest I write have requested me
to ask you to name a figure that
you will take. They prefer not
to come into competition with other
bidders, & will be glad therefore, if
you will name your own price,
which, if within what they think
they will be safe in paying they
will accept. They would like to buy
the property, but if that cannot be
done, they would like a lease for
Ninety Nine years. They are prepared

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to pay a fair rental, & if you will
find it agreeable as I hope you will
to name one, the chances are, that
you will not only place the Road
in your hands, but that the enterprising
contemplated in connection therewith
will abound greatly to the interest
of this section. They are men of
means, fully able to fulfill their
obligations, & mean business.

If you conclude to name a price,
please state how long you will give
them in which to consider the same.

Very truly Yrs
James A. Bryan