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State of North Carolina,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Raleigh, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Mr A W. George  
Dear Sir,

Yours, requesting information for the guidance of  
an association of young men desirous of coming  
to this state, is received -

The late disastrous rebellion, with its issues of  
depreciated paper has left our people generally  
impoverished - and as a consequence lands and  
other assets for a long time remain very low -  
Capital would find ready and very advantageous  
investments in sections of this state where the  
productiveness of the soil is very great -

The demand for skilled labor is very great - and  
the advantages accruing to such as comes here  
proportionally great - Nearly all the mechanical  
labor of the country has been swept away by the  
exhausting influence of the Emancipation Act - and  
that of a high order would only have to compete  
with the uneducated and unskilled negro - and  
would soon draw him to such other work as is  
more suited to his ability and knowledge -

There is nothing in the feeling of the loyal people  
of this state which would make it unprofitable  
for northern labor to come into our midst.

on the other hand every favor will be shown  
to them by our people and our laws -

I am sir

Very Respectfully

Wm. W. Holden

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P.S. Should any of the young gentlemen or yourself  
come to North Carolina I would be most happy  
to welcome you to our state - and to show to you  
the fraternal feeling ~~in~~ which the loyal people  
of this state entertain for their northern brethren

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W. W. Holden  
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