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Wilmington, N. C., October 1879

Hon. A. W. Lounge
Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. Sir:-

No one more than I regrets your departure from the State nor deprecates more strongly the social and political condition of a community when such a man is not accorded the credit to which his labors and talents entitle him. In two years you have contributed more to the law and literature of the State than all the native Politicians of our generation. If you had not been under the ban which Southern society imposes upon loyalty, the disability incurred by reason of the misfortune of non-native birth and the still greater misfortune of believing in the Union of the States and the Declaration of 1776, there is no honor to which they would not have accorded you.

With my best wishes for your success through life and with the expression of the hope that I have not seen the last of you I am

Truly Your Friend
D. L. Russell