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Aurora N.C.  
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Hon A. W. Tourque

Dear Sir

Enclosed find a clipping from the Wilmington Messenger. Concerning the killing of Stephens in Caswell Co N.C. in 1870, "murder will out." Perhaps some of our Southern people will now admit that there was some little truth in the "Fool's Grand," Time will work out many things, I suppose you have forgotten the 3 little Chapin boys who use to be around the old "Union Register" office in Greensboro about 68 or 69, the oldest one Adrian (the one with one eye) is located in Pittsboro N.C. he is a practicing Physician, Burdette is in Hamlet Co practicing Law, Fathin and myself (John) are located in Anson Deane Co N.C. he has a drug store and is P.M. and I till the soil for a living, Fathin is you know, getting right old but gets around right lively, he succeeded a few days ago in getting a Pension of \$12 per month

which will help him some in his declining years.  
I have been married now 8 years and have 3  
beautiful children all girls, Hoping that time  
has laid her hand gently on you and that  
you may be spared many years yet

I remain your very respectfully  
John W. Chapin

Shaffer come to see us about twice a year,  
Love