

High Point N.C. }  
July 28th 1868 }

Justice W. F. Frazier  
Dear Sir

In behalf of myself and many others of your friends in this and adjacent neighborhoods I write to invoke your assistance in a matter in which we feel ourselves very deeply interested. And in order that you may come to a correct understanding of the disadvantages under which we labor, and the consequent claims we have for redress, allow me briefly to set forth our grievance. But first let me tell you who we are. We are High Point, Jamestown, Thomasville, Trinity College, "Gladstone", Bush Hill, Bloomington, Florence, Honeysuckle, Leighton, Browntown, Apopontown, and many other little towns, to say nothing of Deep River Mine, Old North State Mine, Seindsey Mine, Serabee Mine, and several others mines, any one of which constitutes a considerable little village - together with the densely populated rural district which comprises the Northwestern part of Randolph, the Northeastern part of Davidson and the Southwestern part of Guilford Counties. High Point, in her Municipal relations ~~heretofore~~ heretofore been treated only as the tail <sup>and Bush Hill</sup> of Guilford County; - Trinity College <sup>and Bush Hill</sup> sustained the same relation to Randolph County, while

Thomasville completes the trio in her relations to Davidson County. The other villages referred to, together with the before-mentioned parol districts, feel and experience <sup>the</sup> disadvantages, indifference and neglect on the part of the Counties to which we are severally attached. Now you see the gist of the matter. We want ourselves constituted and organized into a new County under the name and style of Highland County with a County Seat at High Point. Gov. Holden has promised us to ~~favor~~ favor the thing and we have no doubt he will do it. Will you give us the benefit of your tact and ability in putting this thing through. You have many friends within the bounds of the proposed County and you now have an opportunity of binding them to you "with hooks of steel". Highland County, when formed will give three hundred and fifty republican majority, and if republican influence shall call her into existence she will give almost a unanimous republican vote. Please let me hear from you

Yours most  
Respectfully

W. J. Dugh

Dr. W. J. Dugh  
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