

Chapel Hill N.C

Aug 27 1864

To The Honorable

A. M. Toussie

Judge of The Superior Court
Seventh Jud. District,

I would respectfully show
that I am a citizen
of the State of N.C. & of the Seventh Judicial
District. That in conformity with the late
Statute I have with enclosed testimonials
to obtain at your hand law license.
Hoping as I do that my application
may meet your approval & license
may be granted me.

Before the late Stat. I studied law
under Hon. W. H. Battle & in fact he
advised me to apply for license
under the then existing law & before the
passage of the above Statute.

To give publicity to my becoming a licensed
carrion I ~~propose~~ that your Honor may con-
descend to do me the favor & honor to
announce the same in open court of
The Superior Court of Orange County
Hillsborough.

Enclosed please find twenty (\$20.) dollars
for said license.

Should be pleased to be licensed at once,

With high respect.

Admiringly
James Bruce Mason.

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The applicant Mr J B Mason
a gentleman of good moral character,
industrious - energetic and liberal attainments
& highly esteemed in this community

Respectfully
J. A. Long

W. J. Decker

I endorse the above as being true

D. M. Caulig

I fully concur in the above

Geo. W. Woodward

I also concur with the above

W. Woods

I also concur in the statement
of the above gentleman

F. M. Guthrie

I concur in the above

John W. White

Judge:

I am inclined to believe & appreciate further
than I could get the true & substantial
of the credit these gentlemen had & I feel
to be convinced except prejudicial
considerations

James B. Mason

James Bruce Mason
Receipt for Requested
letter enclosed

9 May 1866
J. B. Mason

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