

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Raleigh, December 18<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Dear Judge.

I recd. yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> this morn, and was right glad that you had arrived at home safely.

Will speak to the maternal ancestor while at dinner, about Mrs. To. spoons. Father says that he will be unable to get up to your house on the Christmas, because he has an appointment at Harleton. Tomorrow his other half will be able to go thro.

Father thinks that it is doubtful about you getting your pay now, for "tubber gits" is all out of time, and his young hopeful told me to mind & my own business the other day when I presented a warrant for some freight, to us. I will try thro: if you wish. Will send the bal. as soon as the maternal gets her share for the spoons. (Butler). I don't. that you was going to come down here next week. Your letter does not sound much like it. Do come for Gods sake, it is so dull and dry here that one can hardly live. I most wish that you were not going to have any company Christmas, so that you could come down. Sure, and see us.

I Did you get your laws that I sent by Exp. to  
G.P. It is cold, wet, and dry as thunder here. Good chance  
to spend, but no chance to make money here.  
Hope that you will find time to write to me once  
in a while. Dominic has gone home. Will  
return on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan.  
All well, can't you get sick for a change, which  
change is not desirable.

Your Boy,

Ed.

P.S.

Come down, for I want to send to you that "dog"  
for Mrs. T by you.

Ed. Kelley  
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