

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

New Hanover County, June 18th, 1869.

My dear Sir,

I send you by mail copy of
Journal newspaper of today - in which you
will find scandalous article in relation to
yourself - It is the opinion of your friends that if you
would take the lead in curbing these scandals that
it might have a good effect - Suppose you put a writ
on the fellow Engelhard and hold him to bail in
40 or fifty thousand dollars? The lawyers say
there might be some difficulty about securing
as the words are probably not actionable per se
under the decision of our Supreme Court - but I
think you would not find much difficulty with
a New Hanover jury - By the way would it

not be best to get a bill through the
Legislature extending the facilities to obtain
recoveries against these liabilities. Best and

I write to you in great feeling - your
reputation here as the compiler of our
new laws is too good to be lost - and

I find cooperation with lawyers - and judges
have concluded to ask you to take a further
course with this case in human life.

Please let me hear from you in confidence.

Yours faithfully & respectfully,
J. S. Churchill
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J. W. Schenk
Wilmington
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