

Senate Chamber,

Raleigh, N. C., April 20th 1870.

Hon A. W. Taylor

Greensboro

Dear Friend

After my regards

I have this day written to
Hon J. C. Abbott at Washington
and requested him to ^{pay} ~~send~~
send me fifteen hundred ^{Dollars}
for twelve months, for the
use of which I offer him ten
per cent, and to secure the
payment I offered to either
mortgage to him my house
& lot and all of my house hold
furniture, or I prepare to make
him a deed to my house &
lot and give him a bill of
sale for my personal prop-
erty with the understanding

That he will let me have
it all back at the expiration
of twelve months by paying
him the amt loaned & ten
percent, and allow me to
have the use of it in the
meantime, I told him that
I would request you to
write to him and advise
him as to whether the
security I offer him ^{is} good
or not & whether he would
be safe in the matter.
You will please write to
him at your earliest
convenience, and advise
him in the matter just as
you think proper if I can get
the money I can pay it back
and make something for
myself, by attending to the
above you will confer a favor

answer your friend

Respectfully

J. W. Stephens

P.S.

Since you left the K.K.'s has
still been committing their
heinous deeds. They have taken
out of his house another white
man Mr. W. S. Ward and
tied him to a tree and severely
beat him. A Col. man
by the name of Young
Richmond and in addition
to their ~~usual~~ usual barbar-
ianism they castrated
him it is thought that
he will die,

Respectfully

J. W. S.

John K. Stephens
1870

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