

Department of Justice.

Washington 27 June 1874

Prof. Bouvier

Dear Sir

I received, & am gratified
 by yours of the 25th inst., & somewhat regretted
 the condition of things in your judicial district. You
 know what I think of the manner in which you
 have discharged your judicial functions. You also know
 what I think of Col. Ruffin. There is no man in
 N.C. whom I have known longer or with greater
 of attachment; - & that in face of constant
 case of opinion in public matters. We have always
 relied upon these topics. I think Col. Ruffin writes a
 bulletin full of the most absurd & ordinary
 & "intelligent" in N.C., His recent revision of
 regard politics took me by surprise. I have no doubt
 all this is intelligent, honest & manly. I think

I have no doubt that you will find it very interesting to read this letter. I have no doubt that you will find it very interesting to read this letter. I have no doubt that you will find it very interesting to read this letter.

Received by S. P. Blair

"not enough" unless you see that please or not, I am sure that you have

it goes as far forward, penetrating, the cost of mail
around conversation in N.C., as any such taking
of position by any man in N.C. could. He is, person-
ally, entirely fearless & disinterested; and the most pro-
minent man in a large connexion. The event is a
genuine tremblement de terre in N.C. - no false
mountain movement. I should have regarded
it as a veritable catastrophe if Mr de. had been
prepared to him. In politics & affairs generally, the
latter is continually posturing - & I suppose feels very
little interests in them. I therefore applaud your con-
gratulation.

As regards the Cash Dir. Attorney: I do not
know whether Ball will get it. He has very high
recommendations, Mr Lusk's notions will be much
considered, as he is responsible for the general carrying
on of his office he will be expected to recommend, or
at least express satisfaction with the appointment to be
made. As for myself, I shall always take pleasure in
trying to my convictions of your high qualifications - as well as
to your signal services in behalf of reconstruction & the
amount of force will be made in N.C. Meanwhile I am

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I will be glad to hear from you