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Postmaster.

# POST OFFICE,

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA,

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Gen L W Taylor

My Dear Sir,

I can find the  
man here you are looking for,  
He don't exist - died in the  
6<sup>th</sup> year of too much fool-  
scintin and bad management,  
with the weapon "Civil rights"  
hammering upon us. It certainly  
killed us, many whites who voted  
with us was forced away by this  
measure, as they say. We are  
not hurrayin' for the devil or  
any one else, our county ticket  
was elected 1200 majority - but  
the Congress & Judicial went  
when the word bin twerets.

Heaton has pretty nearly played  
us out. he was elected and  
for his notous conduct in election  
day is being exposed and  
bound over every day to the Superior  
Court. It looks as though he

too was pleased. George McElroy  
Kunkler will wind him  
out I think, the devil is  
certainly to pay, and will  
pay off lives, I think too.

But will not this do us all  
good two years hence, will  
it not teach some a lesson  
that may be beneficial?  
Hope so at least, But to  
sum up we are as sick as  
as the malady now will  
make us, but hope to get  
over it to a certain degree,  
We are all well, and  
kindly wish to be remembered  
to you & Mrs. Will be glad  
to hear from you at any time

Yours truly  
E. A. Smith

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