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U. S. Commissioner,
Chief Supervisor, E. D. N. C.

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My Dear Judge,

I am glad my letter found you at home
to give me an early and hopeful reply. So
I conclude to answer once more before you
leave - though I have little to communicate
that is encouraging. Indeed I doubt whether
I did not make a mistake, and ^{ought not to have} put lower, touch
for the P.O. - which I don't think, but perhaps
might have gone in the 1st Assn's place on
the Coast, which I would like, instead of
Collector - which I have always hankered after
and once had at my lips - but cannot
close my teeth upon.

Loyam Harris & W^m Banks - are fighting
for P.M. I cannot think either will get it. One
is a regular - (has in go again) and the other
a non-resident of the delivery. I don't think
M^r Wauamater will approve either. Indeed they
wouldn't add much to the glory of any administration,
if nobody will antagonise or compete with them.
I have half a notion to try it - but would rather
be horse whipped than let go the Collection matter.

If you had got your friend Lincoln back in the War office I would have dropped Colleton and

went for the Aft Eng^s on Riv Han Imp.
for I think he would have given you any-
thing you asked for - and that I could have
persuaded you to ask for it. Friends of
Young Cheatham have frequently suggested that
I go for the P.O. I think they would support
me, to get me out of Young's way - until he got
Collector, but what then? I would not
trust one of them out of sight, and I think
Collection will be appointed first. What
a mess it is - to be sure!

How do you & Warramaker stand?

Do you know the Secretary of War?

If I could afford to get you at Washington
for a week, I believe you would do me
more good than all the rest - but I am
clean busted on funds. Everything
in ill luck seems to have taken to falling
upon my shoulders. I lost \$8,000 at
our Sweep - by a Buik in Beaufort a last
month - the Guilford Plantation -

All mine -

Yours truly

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