

Mitchell 5<sup>th</sup> Dakota

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My dear Judge.

I don't think we have met since the Spring of 1887, in your party at the Biggs dinner in Wash- ington, when you were telling me who were the real characters in "A Fool's Errand."

One of them, Luke Jones, (I have learned since being here) bought some land in this section from a friend in Ohio, and it seems he ran the same kind of a racket that he did for "The Fool" just after the surrender - i. e., bought poor land at a high figure in which two persons made money, and on the same.

I made an extended survey as Elector at large of the Piedmont Country last October, and enjoyed my trip very much. During the time, I met several of your old friends, and heard talking of you - and at Leesville I met Henry Stephens, at Riverview Mr. Ray, Dr. Smith and others - with all of whom I talked about the Blue days and learned many things I had

never heard.

You will doubtless enquire what I am doing here. Doubtless you can recall the fact that in 1877 I was trying to be sent West, and in fact could have done, but my good Mother begged me not to leave the South as long as she lived, so I abandoned all idea of it. Since then, full of years and surrounded by her children, she has crossed the River, and one by one my three brothers have also died, so with the exception of two Sisters I have no other family than my son, my wife, and a little girl, children of my marriage, and both now in D.C. with one of my sisters.

I can see no future for the South, and excepting the fact that she is drifting further and further from what we hoped for her.

The whole scheme of Reconstruction has proven a failure, except in so far as the increase of representation to the South may prove a constant reminder to the power and security of the government, and in the matter of political toleration, the situation is worse than it was two years ago.

There is no violence. Because more ingenious, and less dangerous devices are used, but no man who

desires to be at peace with himself and his fellow man  
will find such life in the South. I had no trouble,  
but was tired of the constant attention, and the  
continued subjection of everything to political  
necessity. so I came away, leaving behind me  
many good friends, and receiving from Demo-  
cratic papers many kindly wishes &c. which of course  
I never had nor would have had, so long as my  
residence was in North Carolina. I tell my wife  
that they are like obituary notices, and in the  
spirit "de mortuis nil nisi bonum"

I have come here to locate, and follow my  
profession, but am not over-run with business  
or harassed by clients. We came here 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, and  
but until about ten days ago, I had not determined  
where to locate.

I thought that as a campaign will soon  
open. perhaps some Eastern papers would like to  
have a correspondent, and with that view wrote  
to the N. Y. Tribune - Cum Cum Gazette and Chicago  
Tribune. but have had no answer except from the  
Latter. and that paper had just engaged a man.

I notice that you write for "The Inter Ocean" and I  
have been reading your "By Number articles." Do you

not think I might get temporary employment during the Campaign and Session of the Legislature on that paper? And if so, will you not give me a letter to the Manager?

Until, I get into business I don't want to be idle, and my ready money is not so much that it will not take care of itself. If I can make something by contributing to the paper - it will aid me very much in the matter of support, and I will endeavor to give satisfaction to my subscribers. Now you have my business, and if you can help me I will thank you most heartily.

I have in view also the plan of editing a code similar to yours - but that will not pay much, if anything in the shape of money. What think you of it?

Mr. Everell Smith formerly of Innesboro and Boston, lives here. He lost his wife about a year ago but has a daughter and son living with him.

They are clever - nice people and doing well.

I like this country, and the people who have met me kindly.

Please let me hear from you, and for me any suggestions you may think will aid me -

Truly yours

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