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Hon. Albion W. Frazier.

My Dear Sir:

I am an applicant for the position of one of the ten or more Chief Clerks in the Census Bureau at Washington. I am endorsed by many of the best & influential Republicans of the State — especially leaving out all "ringworms" & "back-stiders" & "discontenters" after Cleveland's took charge de affaires.

I would kindly thank you to give me a letter of introduction & endorsement to Sup<sup>t</sup>. Robt. P. Porter at Washington, addressing the same direct to him; and to do any other thing, needful.

I was State Senator in 1887 from

This, the 20<sup>th</sup> Sen. District, comprising  
the Counties of Orange, Durham, Person  
& Caswell - the well known history of  
Ku Kluxism of which "Le Foul's Errand"  
has so truthfully & graphically portrayed,  
and was the Rep. Candidate for Single  
Dist. Instruction in 1888 & was defeated  
with the rest on the State Ticket by  
Dem. Fraud & rascality (of which you  
are familiar in N.C. Politics) in the  
1. & 2. Cong. Districts & other places -  
Durham town you understand.

I have had (like many others -  
yourself Chief among the rest,) tough  
time here politically & otherwise  
because of my politics & my bold  
assertion of them, since 1866. But in  
all my difficulties & disappointments  
there springs up an oasis, a pleasant  
thought, that this Sen. Dist. was  
carried Republican in 1886 & myself  
carrying it by 797 official votes;

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and that their note - sale of state  
Democracy - Chapel Hill Township -  
cash Republican them and in 1888 -  
last election. Our Dem. brothers feel  
badly chagrined, & the more, when  
Pres. Harrison was elected. Our Faculty  
are living Confesses. They hold out  
appearances & perform the trick of  
Bauquod's ghosts. The last scandal, now  
being played, is to frighten the P. M.  
Gail and his First Assh. to keep our  
old S. W. P. Mall - the biten Dem.  
The Ku Klux and the Faculty's peck,  
in the P. Office, here. They are Daily  
ghosting the Washington "Mugwumps"  
for help which is readily bestowed  
They are determined by any means to keep

out such a good Republican of long  
standing - one of the first in the County -  
Prof. M. Kirkland of this place, who  
has held the P.O. place here through  
Pres. Garfield & Arthur's <sup>Administration</sup>, and who  
was renowned because of his politics  
only - (the Faculty being the leading  
actors) to make room for our good  
old Kullux Mattitt - Bill Saunders  
second for this particular locality.  
Mattitt yet holds the office!

For what you may do for me or have  
your friends to do, will be thankfully  
received & treasured up in a kindly  
remembrance - by

Your humble Servant -  
P.S. James B. Mason

<sup>to know</sup>  
I would like all or nearly the  
Character named in "A Fool's  
Errand". I am now reading  
"An Appeal to Caesar" - in the which  
I am pleased. Got a copy at Washington  
last week. Have never seen the  
"Bottle without Straws"  
J. B. M.