

Mayville N.Y. Oct 12 "1889.

My dear Sir: You either mislaid my letter or I failed to make my meaning clear.

I did not mean to say that such a bill "had passed the Senate of New York." Such a provision passed the Senate of North Carolina in 1868, as an amendment to the General Election Law. It was defeated in the Assembly. This was in North Carolina.

I do not think I have a copy of it. I was Code Commissioner of the State at that time and made no special note of the fact not expecting it to prevail.

I have noticed your efforts in this behalf with great interest and would be glad to do anything to further your designs. You are without question the first man who did anything worth noticing towards making it a practical issue.

My idea was to expunge the name of the non-voting elector from the registry for a specified time unless he presented a sufficient excuse to the registrar which ~~was~~ should be entered on the registration-book.

The chief objection to the plan you  
propose, will I think, be the addi-  
tional business for some court.  
It seems to me a Justice of the Peace  
would better be entrusted with the  
matter in each precinct. Give him  
a fee of a quarter and he would be  
apt to do it.

Yours very truly

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