

Chapel Hill, N.C.

Jan. 8. 1890

How are you,

My dear Sir:

Accept my many thanks
for letter of endorsement
in my behalf to Sup^r.
Porter of the Cause. I
was rejoiced to know that
I had such an influential
friend resident now out
of the State, & had not
forgotten me.

The issue will re-
sult itself as between
Madison ^{of Vance Co.} Hawkins and
myself for the Supervisor's
place in this the 2^d
Sup^r. District - this State.
You fully know the Chan-

advantages for self of the
Hawkins family - Their
Kith & Kin politically as
well probably in manner
other diversities. As things
are swinging favorable
to the "Southern Gentlemen",
I have apprehensions of my
wealness - being myself &
even will be of the "Old
Line". Overturns have to be
made to them as in the
days antedating the rebellion,
whatever sacrifices ^{maybe} made
of the true followers of the
Republican party. We
have never supposed money
here from the toadstools
in extraneous to solve the
Southern problem than was
are today. Hence, you will
readily see my frame of

mind when I find myself
an applicant under such
circumstances.

Most Counties of the Super-
visor's District - 2^d. North
Carolina, are in the 4th
Cong. Dist - Nichols' Dist.
The others are in H. P. Cheat-
hain's 2^d. Dist - Congressmen,
Nichols is strongly ad-
vocating my claims, while
Cheatman who is solely &
alone governed by "I" young,
His brother & Phil. Hawkins
Ch. Citra & A. B. Andrews -
the R. R. "Magnate", Governor
of the Democracy in N. C. &
does at times when the Dem.
is not in the right, finally
effective work inside of
the Republican ranks in
getting office only for his favorite

Kinsfolk Republicans &
Others of the Aristocratic
order - You fully understand
how these fellows in numbers

Beought as I believe Mr.
Clatham to be in such esteem
ing, & believing that you can
exercise much influence over
him, enough at least to counter-
act the influence above alluded
to, I would be more than glad
for you to address him directly in
my behalf. Some of your Cong-
ress friends at Washington to assist
Nichols would probably, ^{be} of more
effective benefit. Either or any
other, you may devise would
accomplish much at this time
& juncture, I fully believe & in
such a crisis with me, I trust
you may extend a liberal hand,
for which I shall hold dear in
remembrance.

Very truly yours

James B. Mason.