

United States Post Office,

A. W. SHAFFER,
POSTMASTER.

Raleigh, N.C., March 2nd 1890.

My Dear Judge,

I return under your direction, with many thanks and great reluctance, the letter of Erey Windom. You have "spiked" him indeed, I do not know what agent wrote - but if you had known the fact, you might have "giggled" him (that's the meanest word in the language,) out of the testimony of his own mouth. Note the remark - "While Shaffer & others near him hold Ellison in distrust, three members of Congress and representatives men of both parties, &c &c - vouch for his integrity" &c. That is - those near him - say he is a roger; those remote - who don't know anything of his character, vouch for him. The fact is - every Commissioned officer, clerk or employee in the Building joined in the protest against Ellison's removal - and it was so much because they didn't trust Ellison - as that they liked Ellison. But Windom thrust Ellison upon those who didn't want him - because the politicians demanded it, and lied about his character to accomplish it. I can prove him a thief since he has been in - and may have to do it to get the government property back.

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Mr Sawyer - Chairman Sen Com on Post Office wrote me last
week I would have been confirmed last week, but that the P.M.B.G.
had asked him to hold up a few days. I wrote just such a letter
as you speak of ^{to} the President - and he replied that he did not know
of any movement for my withdrawal. So it has got into the
third time how and Mr Warramater is at the bottom of it.
I really hope and expect to be confirmed tomorrow, but if not,
then I think Russell & I will meet you in Washington on
Saturday and try and clear it up - our way or another.
I have been so badgered by these things that I have read nothing, and only
heard of your Tribune articles from Mr Hodgins of Greenboro who is
a clerk here under White and a disciple of yours who takes all your
newspapers and believes in you, and asked me to convey his
greetings to you when writing you - which I do now. Please
thank Mrs D for the Tribunes. I will read them tonight.

I will see Secy Windsor after confirmation - for our letter
boxes for this office - and let you know how he treats me.

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I had an order for them of the Supervising Architect over - but another boss returned from his summer outing and busted it up, on account of which I resigned as custodian. I will go higher next time, & will have them, or know the reasons why.

I will send you "79" to Manning - with your order pasted in it. He will be delighted. There is no more staunch adherent in all North Carolina. I wish I could tell you all that happened before the Chairman Friday night - works before last but it cannot be done. It now appears that Sawyer was with us. I could not tell them - He laid his elbows on the table and his head in his hand, and so laughed it out for some mortal hours - nobody could tell whether he was laughing or sleeping, except when it got dangerously crum. when he would lift his head and say - gentlemen! gentlemen!

Hastily Yours,

A. W. Shaffer