

Wilmington N.C.,
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Dr Judge: - The Court Bill as passed
by the House will soon be law.

If you were down here you would be a
candidate as are all ~~the~~^{of} us who have
been fools enough to stay in the Southern
Confederacy. Are you willing to help me

on to the judgeship which may fall to
North Carolina? If you want to know ~~what~~

who will be applicants you can ascertain
by making a list of all the nominal,

actual and quasi Republicans who claim
to be lawyers in the two Virginias and
North Carolina. You would have to exclude

me from the list because when the party
surrendered to triumphant nullification
I left it and joined the Radical party

of which I am Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
Executive Committee
and only surviving charter member.

Please let me hear from you. You can help
me very much.

Truly
D. L. Russell