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Raleigh, N.C., July 30th 1890.

Dear Mrs. Sawyer,

I received your letter just as I was leaving town for the Court - and have been a little "peaked" ever since, by which I have fallen behind in work and correspondence. I have read with great interest Bystander's notes on Election and the Ulster Convention, which, by the way - got very near my ancient stamping ground. I don't know whether Mr. Hoar thought I was disrespectful, or that he knew more about Southern Elections than I - but he never acknowledged receipt of my letter - and I see they are engaged in shearing the Lodge bill to adapt it to the weak senatorial stomach - however - it don't amount to much for us - without radical strengthening for which there is no hope in the senate.

Tell the Judge that "Loye" is growing beligerent as he tumbles in the scale of political influence, and he and Eaves had a scrimmage in Perrin's office yesterday because Eaves had called Committee together without consulting the great Secretary. Sorry to say that nobody was hurt, but Loye carried cat-claw marks on his face

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Hereafter, and some swelling. Some mistaken friends parted
them too soon. John Williamson has called a convention
of Ethiopians to consider the why's and wherefore of them who
got left. All the Greek Dem Congressmen are withdrawing
from the field on ace of the Alliance, and there are no candidates
for every office. The 2 Collection Districts of N.C. are to be con-
solidated - and White will have the whole. Poor fellow - he has not
nerve enough to run a quarter meeting.

By the way, Miss Edith Royce - Nora's favorite teacher, is
at the Chantagew - described all the rest who wish to monhood,
and ventured among you, dreadful Yankees - hoping to learn
something. She is a modest, bright, ambitious little body, whose
early life was spent in N.Y. until her father died - and we like
her very much. I would have given her a letter to you -
but fearing it might be inconvenient, said nothing, con-
cluding to write you, and if you felt so disposed you
could make her acquainted. I have no doubt she is

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very courteous, and would be glad to know you. I do not think she has ever known you - probably does not know your residence. She is quite young, I should think about 20 to 21 years, a great lover of oratory and Elocutions - and has a private class of volunteers - which she teaches without charge - but you would not be likely to learn anything about it from her. We would all be glad to hear her say upon her return that you had made for her an hour of pleasant recollection.

We are all distressingly well - notwithstanding the heat and alternating storms. Was at Wilmington last week - Russell asked after the Judge, He too, has written an election Bill, much like the Kelley bill, but wanting in its details.

Very truly yours

A. W. Shaffer