

Lexington N. C., Feb'y 15th 1893.

My Dear Judge

I was pained to learn as I did a few days ago of the illness of your self and Mrs. Tongue - I trust you are both better by this time - I have been thinking for a long time that I would write you, but one thing and another and another denied me, until I was informed of your illness. then I felt it my duty above my other engagements to drop you a line - I did not learn the nature of your malady, but whatever it is I hope by your will power, and close knit fibrous frame you may be able to withstand the assault, and I hope Mrs. T. by her good sense and knowledge and prudence may be able to overcome her affliction - You both have my heartfelt sympathy, and I hope when I hear from you again I may hear you are both better - well -

If I knew you were well enough to
to enjoy it I would write you a long
letter and give you a little sketch of
people and places that you knew in
other days. and perhaps I may do so
at some future time, but perhaps
you are informed pretty well through
others, as I presume you keep up a correspondence
with some one in the old North State.

Well, I am still here at Sixington, and
am sorry to tell you in poor health, and have
been so for more than a year. in fact I have
~~been~~ in rather poor health for about five
years. — I am able to be out and attend
to business (when I have any) most of the time.
Wife is not in very good health. George
and his family (wife and two children) are
with us. — Now when you feel like writing
write me, and if your letter is as long as John
Quincy Adams' abolition petition so much
the better. — Mrs B. sends kind regards to you
both. — much love especially to Mrs. Sawyer.

Yours very truly

J. R. Bullen