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United States Post Office.

A. W. SHAFFER,
Late Postmaster.

Raleigh, N. C., June 23 1894.

Dear Mrs Bourges.

I received the Judge's letter & papers concerning Colgrove's land, but have done nothing. I turned over the P.O. April 2nd. It was a warm, bright, sunny day - and I took off hat & coat and went to work on my back porch separating papers - the accumulation of 18 years. Next morning I was loaded with rheumatism and could not get out of bed, and I have done nothing since - though now well.

I don't like the notion of drawing on your deposit to go to Winston, and don't feel able to go at my own expense, so I think I will write the Clerk or Reg of Deeds - and see what comes of it.

Mr Simmons, father of the collector, is here - and he says there is nothing in it - and claims to have known and been on friendly relations with both the Colgroves.

I am sorry to see the withdrawal as candidate for

Congress. I had hoped to organize the Clerks in Post Offices of the Second Class - distinct from the first, and secure some legislative relief - and hoped much from the Judge, because it is a subject well worthy of his support - and and as rich a field for favor as even Cox had with his Carriers.

Did I send you a copy of my letter to Mr Bissell? Some say it irritated Scott - of the Salary & Allowance Division. Probably not - but I do know that it made some hot boxes, and gave relief in this office when least wanted.

We are all well - except Oliver - who has been prostrated with the intense heat - something akin to sunstroke, and has been in bed for a week.

Don't know what I shall do. Want to go to Colorado - but the story of the pinched out coal is discouraging.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Coffey.