

Raleigh.

Jan 1. 1878.

My Dear Robert,

I received your letter on the road, after I had left home for this place.

It would have afforded me much pleasure to have spent a few days with Genl. Williams & household, but my duties here forbid it. I fear that I shall not be able to run down to Wilmington to see Fannie married, as only Judge Pearson, Dick & myself are ~~from~~ in Raleigh to night & Judge Rodman has written that he cannot be here at the opening of the Court. If Judge Reade fails to arrive by the morning train the gig is up.

Genl. Holden will be convicted and deposed, and a convention will soon assemble which will do the work for the rest of us. I have nothing to ask and nothing to fear from them. Let them do their worst, and I shall present as bold a front as ever. The whole thing is revolutionary, and in the end they will be justified by their ^{of the Legislature} petard. The idea that a bare majority can call a convention in the face of the express language of the

(requiring two thirds)
constitution, is so revolutionary that no one but
a few Klex can entertain it. If there could be a fair
election we could vote down the Convention easily, for
all the honest men are badly frightened, but of
course it is not their intention to have a free
election. As to a federal appointment, I do not
know that it would do me any good to be hanging
on at Washington. If I could get a good appoint-
ment by which I could make some money, I would
accept it, or even a permanent appointment at a
fair salary would do, but I will not be in the
way of your friend Dick about the judgeship.
I will get the Judges to give in his recommendation.
I feel easy and comfortable enough about it,
& shall not trouble my friends by becoming
an office seeker. Some how or other I have
always been provided for I trust I shall be
again. I leave the whole matter with you,
and if the President sees proper to confer any
good appointment upon me (without my pressing it)
well - and if not well - I am in no big hurry
for I feel like I wanted to see him out in both
leashins. As to your change of residence, matters

are too much mixed up here, just at this time
to form any opinion about it. I would stand
still for the present. Perhaps the storm will
pep from both leashes to your new home
about the time you get one, & you may wish your-
self back. Wait a little while & see how the
tide whether the tide is ebbing or flowing.
I would like to see you & talk over all of these
matters. Can you run down for one day, as
soon as you can travel? So so if you possibly
can & we can discuss things much more
satisfactorily. I commenced this letter this evening
early, but my room has been full until now
(past midnight) and I must close. Shopshire
Clond, Wm. A. Smith, Badger & others who have
been here this evening think that the Convention
will be voted down easily, but I understand
Rev Klex too well to believe any such thing.
Come down if you possibly can?

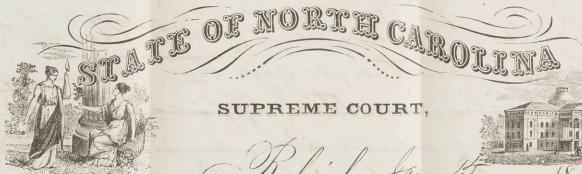
Affectionately,
Thomas Tette.

Thos. Scott
Raleigh, N.C.
Jan. 1, 1870.

(Jan. 1, 1871)

Political prospects,
appx. &c.

Important.
Predictions.



Raleigh Jan 15th 1870.

My Dear Robert,

I received your letter on yesterday & was glad to learn that you were well.

I have no time today to write a letter, but will send a line, merely to say that I am sure that there will be an election for members of the General Assembly next August. I think we will require your services in Rockingham.

Justices Pearson & Dick sent, in an opinion, (drawn by Pearson) deciding that the members could not hold over. The rest of us declined to express an opinion. It is generally understood however that this Legislature will not attempt to hold over.

Judge P. is anxious about the Supreme Court matter, & says that there is on file, in the office of the Attorney General, a recommendation signed by Senator Pool & all of the members, which you might bring to bear in his behalf. I informed him that while you were not without hope, still his prospects were not so good as you could wish. Pool is here, but will be in Washington soon.

I received a letter from home on yesterday stating that Mary & little Douglas were both sick. I hope there is nothing serious about their sickness, but I shall feel quite uneasy until I receive another letter.

I have written in great haste.
Affectionately
Thos. L. L.

Mrs. Lett
Raleigh N.C.
Jan. 15, 1870.

R.M.S.

Raleigh,
Feb 25 - 1870.

My Dear Robert,

I have been quite busy of late, so much so, that I have had no time to attend to the various letters that I have received.

I have just finished a letter to the Secretary of War, accepting the appointment, which the President did me the honor to confer. After consultation with my brother judges, they think that I ought to go, & agree to excuse me for a week or two at the commencement of our June Term.

I feel duly sensible of the honor conferred.

I scarcely know what to say about our political situation in North Carolina.

It is bad enough in all conscience. I fear that we will be routed here, too.

and Thagom next summer.

Our people have acted with a recklessness
never before witnessed.

How are Joseph Pearson's chances at
present? I hope he will succeed,
for I am sure that no ~~Anti~~ Republican
new hope for any thing in North Carolina
after the next election.

Will Perre be confirmed or not?

Write soon & give me all the news.

I have sent a pony home for the
children. I wish I could witness
their joy. I write in haste.

Affectionately
Thomas L. ~~Steele~~.

P. S. Bridgman case decided all
right. I trust that some of our
friends in Rockingham will learn
that it is not best to give way to
passions.



Douglas.
March 15-1870.

My Dear Robert-

I wrote to Stephen yesterday
& told him to request you to show to the
President, Pearson's opinion in Lake &
Commissioners of Richmond County.
I thought it was published in the Sentinel
of the 9th but I find it in the issue of the
10th inst. I have prepared the President
as far as it is proper for me to do so,
but perhaps he would be pleased to see
this opinion, as it touches upon matters
of general interest. I regard it as
a very able opinion. I would be
glad therefore if you could manage to have
him read it without suggesting that I am
preparing him further in relation to Pearson's
appointment. If I thought I could do so
with propriety, I would run to Washington
for a day or two after the 21st inst, when

Thomas Little
Douglas, Mo.

the Senate will take final action on the
Bradley nomination. In case he is
rejected, I really have a great desire
to see Pearson receive the appointment.
My admiration of him as a lawyer,
increases every day -

Is it thought that Perce will be
confirmed for the Circuit Bench?
We will look for Stephen every day.
We need him here to stir us up, & to
help us take our fish out of the River.
I ^{intend to} introduce gill nets into this
region & am well satisfied that they
will succeed. They are being made in
New Berne & we expect them by
Express daily. Draver commences
operations on the Bridge this week &
says that he will prep it to completion
as soon as possible. How do you find
matters in Chicago? Well, I hope -
Write to me soon & give me all the news
about Chicago - the judgeships &c. &c.

Affectionately Thomas Little,

Douglas,

April 22^d, 1870.

My Dear Robert,

I hastily drop you a line this morning at Mary's request, to beg of you the favor of procuring for her, at once, four bushels of Central Park lawn grass seed. Mr Thurlay is here, arrived last night, and is playing the Devil generally, as it appears to me, in the front yard.

It is so late, that we are afraid to risk an order for grass seed in the ordinary way, and Stephen suggests that there is a first class seedsman in Washington from whom you could procure the seed & forward them by express. Please do so, immediately as Mary is having the yard torn all to pieces in anticipation of receiving the seed.

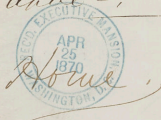
Mr Thurlay says that Central Park lawn grass is

the best. I object to a mixture of white
cloven, which we find in some of
these mixed lawn grapes, and he
says that this grape is free from it -
but if you cannot procure that
send the best lawn grape that is to
be had.

All well. Nettie received her birth-
day presents & was much pleased.
Stephen has pushed off to Stone, Stone
to get glades and additional funds,
and I am to go after John Leal, some
or two other scientific and taskful
gentlemen to get the benefit of their
opinions on the important matters
now under consideration.

Great times here this morning I
apure you - I am afraid that
you won't know either me or the
place when you see us again -
Remember me kindly to all the household
not forgetting "brother Bob". Affectionately
Thomas Little

Thos. Little
April 21, 1870.



Received
April 27, 1870.
Wm. D.

Douglas
Apr 5th 1870.

My Dear Robert,

Your letter
just received. In reply,
I will say that Tourgee, ~~is~~,
in my opinion, is one of the
best men that could be selected
for the Mission. He is a man
of much ability, his habits
are good, and he is as industri-
ous as a beaver.

He is, as you are aware, some-
what obnoxious to our people,
and understanding this, as he
does, I am sure that he would
gladly avail himself of an
opportunity to sever his con-
nection with them.

As to the man, he is fit for the
position, and there is only one

view which might seem to
oppose his appointment, to wit,
that he is a Carpet Bagger.

You know that I have never
said any respect to this pre-
judice; but there is undoubtedly
a strong feeling amongs our
own party against conferring
too many appointments upon
that class. It may be that
his appointments would cause
some complaint against
the President, on that ground,
and I therefore mention it.
I should be pleased to see
the President appoint him;
I will write you again in a
few days, ^{on other matters} but at present, there
are persons here hurrying me.
Mary & the children send love.

Affectionately
Thomas L. Cobb.

Thos. Little
Douglas, N.Y.
Nov. 5, 1870.
about a p.m.
of Lougee as
Minister to Peru
no answer.

State of North Carolina,

SUPREME COURT.

Raleigh, Feb 20 1871.

My Dear Robert,

I have not received the scratch of a pen from Washington since I left & only a few lines from home. So I am completely in the dark. What has become of my nomination? Are there any adverse influences at work?

While I cared nothing for it in the first instance, I would not like to be rejected, but still that would not kill me -

I find myself occupying a ^{position} ~~degree~~ of indifference, that is truly curiable, not only in respect to this, but most ~~other~~ every other political position -

Have you written to Gen Hovey to learn the expenses of getting to Peru, the expenses of living there &c &c &c? I would like to see something on this point.

Our Democratic brethren have been thrown into more confusion by Caldwell's message than we anticipated. They seem paralysed, but I imagine they will rally after a little.

Thomas Little

Raffinville

I supposed that they would make the
Speakers issue the ~~20, 1851~~ proclamation,
& then their action would appear still
more revolutionary - ^{answered} but now we could
beat them, but I believe we have
scared them off for the present.
I have not heard Mary views on
Peru. If I am confirmed, I have
rather concluded not to resign my
present position before the 1st of
April.

See Pool & Abbott & learn what
is being done in my case, & write
me all the news about that &
any thing else. How is Genl Williams
& all the family? When will they leave
for Kansas & so on?

I have no state news as every thing has
been dead locked since Caldwell's
message - Write soon. Affectionally,
Thomas Little

Answered

Douglas.

April 7. 1871.

My Dear Robert-

It is at last decided that Mary will accompany me as far as New York.

We will take the train at Rudville on next Monday night, and will reach Washington on Tuesday evening. Will spend, one day in Washington and then go to New York. I will sail by first vessel which leaves after my arrival in New York -

You must be in readiness to go with us to New York -

George Dick & family & Mrs. Kergh left here on yesterday. Have had a pleasant time with them.

Stephen all night - fat & fair. I could not go to Stateville, but saw Pickney Stone & posted him who promises to try to carry

out our plans - Says he will work
upon you being a director - Have
not heard the result as yet -
I write in haste - affectionately.

Thos. Little.

Thomas Little
Douglas, U.C.
April 7, 1871.

No Answer

Recd Jan. 5, 1854

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Col. A. M. Douglas,
Executive Mansion
Washington City
D. C.





Douglas -
Jan 1. 1872.

My Dear Robert,

I learned from
Luther that Chas. attempted to
run with you in going to the
depot. I hope that was the last
of your trouble & that you & Nettie
have arrived safely. & find
Mr. & Col. Cutts well and
cheerfully greeting the new year -
I intended to ask you to present
my kindest regards to Gov. Addison
and say to him that I must see
all of his writings, and therefore
want the Daily Chronicle, but in
the confusion of going to Monticello
I forgot it. I must beg you to
subscribe for it at once and say
I will refer to you when we meet -
Mary says that she discovers that Nettie
left all of her flannel undershirts -

and we are afraid that she
will, if she has not already taken
cold. Please have some made for
her at once.

All join in love to all -

Affectionately -
Thomas Pettit.



Douglas.

June 6, 1872.

My Dear Robert,

Now that George Carter has moved we have to send to his new place for the mail, which makes it very inconvenient.

On yesterday I prevailed upon Dr. Fry to make an application for a change of route, which I herewith inclose. I also went to Paul Allen and his son Samuel A. Allen has consented to act as postmaster.

Please have him appointed promptly as P.M. at Douglas, and all receiving orders and papers forwarded, so that we may have the change at once.

We are all well. Have not received a line from you since you left. ~~But~~ We feel some uneasiness as Nettie was complaining the day you left. No news. All join in love to all.

Affectionately Wm. L. L.

Mrs. Lettie
Douglas, U.S.
Jan. 6, 1872.

About R.O.
at Douglas

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Col. Robert M. Douglas.
Secretary to the President,
Washington City,
D. C.



Douglas.

Jan 23rd 1872.

My Dear Robert,

I returned home last night after an absence of ten days in Raleigh & Greensboro.

I secured your express package at Rindville. Please accept thanks for your attention to my matters. I will not need any more funds before I visit Washington, when I can close my accounts and make a further draw.

Caldwell is very anxious about the Governorship, but I was induced to believe from what I saw in Raleigh that I would be nominated.

The people are just beginning to move and as yet little has been developed.

If Ike Young is still in Washington it would be well for you to sound him, for I can't tell where he stands. Although he has talked up Caldwell a little, I hear that he

we be for me at the right time. Dokey,
(D. H.) has been spoken of to some extent,
but at present the contest seems to be
between Catworth and myself. I have
had no feeling in the matter, but as
the race advances, perhaps I may
awake to an interest in it.

Stephen is in Gadkin & has been for
eleven days. His strong points seem
to lie in conducting a siege.

I have too many political matters to
discuss to commence them on paper &
will wait till I visit Washington,
which will be about the 10th of Feb.

I enclose to you S. A. Allen's appli-
cation for the position of P. M. at Dmfr.
I arrived ^{at} home in the night, and went
to Allen's early this morning as we are
all anxious to get the mail. Catworth's
new place (where it is now opened) is
much more inconvenient than Winton W.
Mary & Mame have gone to dine with
Alex Gallows, wife, and I am here with
Miss Anna, Tom, Douglas & Lizzie - Ah Lila

and Tom Malloy. Tom Malloy is now
going to school and make a good
playmate for Tom.

Love from all to all.

Affectionately,
Thomas Little,

Mr Keogh is still in Washington, give
him my kindest regards and
warmest thanks for his many
favours. I would write to him
myself, but it is uncertain when
he will leave Washington.

Thos. Settle
Douglas, U.S.
Jan. 23, 1872.

Ans.

Douglas,

March 14, 1872.

My Dear Robert,

What in the name of all the great things on earth, the General Post Office, not excepted, can the matter be?

Many tells me that Squire Barnes made the proper certificate on Sam Allens bond (both as to Mrs Martin being a single woman, & the solvency of the sureties) and she sent it to Wentworth, addressed to J. W. Marshall, Fish Assistant Post Master General, in time for it to have reached Washington on the 7th of March. We have had the road worked nicely & have been daily expecting Stems commission but none has come. We are all greatly bothered and can think and talk of nothing else. We have lost all

interest in elections and farming
and churches and every thing else
not even excepting those trading
and the whole community write
both you & I down offes for
raising expectations which it
seems impossible to fulfill &
meet.

For Heaven and Earths sake please
sit in Marshalls lap until he
attends to it. If the boat has not
arrived write me by the next
mail & I will fix up another
and send it to you & if you once
get your hands on it, brot to the
Department & get the commissions
in your own hands, and send it
to my address at Wentworth, (for
we receive our mail there now)
or perhaps it would be better to
send it by a special Agent of
the Post Office Department. For I
tell you we cannot stand this suspense

Excuse your letter of the 13. & let me see you in it. As soon as the office is opened I
will write you at length & drop the matter entirely, in your notes, & I have
from Douglas is later, I will not have myself to write any thing.

much longer - It will kill some of us.
I would tell you what a terrible time
we had in getting from Redville home,
and about Stephens having been at
Redville for the past two weeks
(electioneering I suppose) and about
the bad cold we have all had,
and send much love to Mrs
Leahy, the Colonel & yourself
if I could bring my disturbed mind
down to such calmness, but as it
is I can only think of poor, departed
Post Office Douglas.

Affectionately
Thomas Little.

P.S. Post Office - Please have
the Mechanical part of the Patent Office
reports sent to Dr Rich H. Seale, & the
Agricultural part to Robert Lewis
^{added to Douglas}
(who lives at the Smelter-lake place) they
both helped us open & work the new
road. Post Office - Post Office, Office - Office.

Thos. Little
Douglas, U.S.
Mch. 14, 1872.
Ans. Robt. D.

Douglas
May 7. 1872

My Dear Robert,

Yours of the 2^d inst. to hand.
I hope it will all turn out right in the
end, but it would be most desirable to know
as soon as possible, as Mrs Ward will
have to make preparations if she is
to go to Arizona - I will be in Washington
about the 25th & we will discuss it -
I speak in Graham on Saturday the 11th then
go to Raleigh and accompany Gov Caldwell
to Pittboro. He wrote to me asking my
company - Why don't you give me all the
news about Washington. How does Pool & Cobb
talk now? Has the President spoken of the
matter at all? Every one is preparing now to
run for Congress, but I have stood out against
it so far. What do our Washington friends
think of it. Ought I to run?
Write me at length as soon as you receive this

now direct your letter to Raleigh where I
will be until next Monday evening -
What has become of the Antislavery Bill?
Father McNamee is with us - All well.
Mary says she will write in a few days -
Love from all to all.

Very Affectionately,
May 14, 1872
Thomas Latta.
Dear Scott

P.S. May 8. If you can without inconvenience let
me have two or three hundred dollars when I pass
through Washington to Philadelphia, it would be
very acceptable & would "raise the profane" -

Recd May 11

BROOKS

HOOD

BRATTLEBORO,

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Vt.



Thomas Gentry

Thomas Gentry

Expt. B.

Recd. by
P. M. Douglass,
Executive Mansion
Washington City -
D. C.



Brattleboro, Vt.,
Aug 29. 1872

My Dear Robert,

I made my first speech here last night - It was well received - I speak at Bellevue Falls & West Randolph to day, at Burlington tomorrow, and then go to Maine - After the Maine election I have promised to speak several times in New York, & then I think I ought to go home, though they are urging me to go to Ohio - They tell me here that the Greeley movement has no strength outside of the Democratic ranks & that even ~~there~~ with them, there is defection -

Grant Stock is up and rising. The Lord send that he may sweep every thing - Love to all

Affectionately,

Thomas, Stuts. -

Thomas LITTLE
Brattleboro, Vt.
Aug. 29, 1877.

McClellan. Sept. 3.

to Ans.

Raleigh
Jan 10. 1873.

My Dear Robert,

I have seen Mr Moore in relation to your matter, and I hope to get your money or a part of it in a few days.

Mr Moore says that he is daily expecting to receive funds of the bank from Alabama, and when he does, so, he will declare a dividend. I will collect as soon as possible, and inform you promptly. I may need one hundred of the amt. Can you spare it without inconvenience?

Governor Holton wishes to be appointed Post Master at Raleigh, and so does Logan Harris. I think that Harris expects the Governor to succeed, but still he does not relish the idea much. The Governor wishes you to mention the fact to the President - and Harris

is also counting upon your friendship. He thinks that the Governor ought to shoot at larger game.

I enclose you a slip from last Times paper. What does it amount to?

I told Mr Pool and also Mr Abbotts that I thought it indecorous for men to try to prep themselves into a confidential relation to the President, but it seems that Mr Pool is not troubled by such considerations. By extraordinary prepures he may make it appear that he enjoys the Confidence of the party in North Carolina, but such is not the fact. I cannot believe that the President can be deceived by him. He is too good a judge of character.

So far as I am concerned, I would much prefer an appointment on the Supreme Court Bench to any political appointment. Yet, I would prefer a Circuit judgeship or a place on the Court of Claims to a political appointment, for the reason, that I could save money,

and my circumstances demand that I have an eye to economy.

What have you to say in relation to your own plans? Write promptly & advise me of the situation.

All well when I left home.

Affectionately
Thomas Little.

Thos. Little
Kaleiga N.C.
Jan. 10th, 1873.

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For the Company

Col Douglas
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