



Bakersville N.C.

July 22nd 1878

Col. Robt. Douglass
U.S. Marshal,
Greensboro N.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of

the 18th inst. to hand.
contained inclosures as
therein described. I swear
to and return a/c.

There is a matter to which
I wish to call your
attention. ~~and~~ Ed. Ruy still
holds that malice toward
me, which he entertained
at Lost Level and has
adopted a new mode of
warfare upon me. There
is ~~no~~ more by the name

of Garland in our county
who is running for a
county office, pretending
to be a Republican. I have
refused to vote for him
on the grounds that I don't
think he is a good man.
He is the man who tried
to break up a U. S.
Circuit Court, just because
we bound a friend of
his to Court. Garland
is making the canvass and
fishing for the Democrats
by denouncing the Rev.
Low and me for
executing it. Ray follows
him around and ~~gets~~
gets all the blackbills to
sign a petition to have
me removed from office.
I feel a delicacy in

in pleading my own
case, but you understand
their plans. If W. Bowman
being Ed's father-in-law
will of course do all he
can to have me removed
and Ed reinstated. If you
require it I will furnish
you with all the endorsement
necessary.

I have a fine boy
at my house, whose name
is Douglas. He is about
12 1/2 lbs. when home. Please
write me on the removal
subject. They have annoyed
me until "forbearance" has
ceased to be a virtue.

Respectfully,

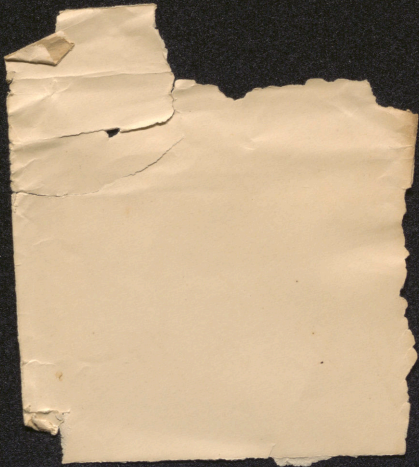
J. C. Pritchard,
U. S. Deputy Marshal

J. C. Pritchard

Date July 22^d 1878

In reference to an effort
to remove him.

important
Letters.
of
J. C. Pritchard





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CLAS & DOUG.

CAROLINA,
COUNTY-AT-LAW,
NEW COURT
GREENSBORO, - N. C.
N. C. HIGH.

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS,
United States Senate.



Hon. Ro. M. Douglas,
Raleigh, N. C.

*Letters
of
J. E. Prichard*





Botkinsville, N.C.
April 24th 1878

To Mr. Kuyler, Esq.

U.S. Marshal: I in the case of
State vs. Sheriff Mierman et al.
charged with murder, his attempt
intents taking off ^{the life of} Thomas Garret
and I wish to know whether
or not it were the right to
receive and execute the same without
it passing through your hands
Very Immediately

Respectfully
J. E. Pritchard
U.S. Marshal

J. B. Pritchard, Clerk
Bakersville, Ga. Co.
April 29, 1878.

Absent service of
Habeas Corpus
in Wiseman case.

Ans. May 4.

(Copied)

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

July 26, 1895
Received... 1/29... 1895.
Answered... 2/5... 1895.

My dear Colonel,

Your letter July 21, gives me very great pleasure. Your friendship is sincere and it is hardly necessary for me to assure you of my appreciation. I consent heartily in what you say about our success in 1896. That gives me more concern than all else. There should be no division or friction

among Republicans. We
must win two years hence, and
if we go into the fight united
the result will be co-operation
in victory.

About the code commission-
ership, I can only repeat
what I have hitherto said
to you. If more than one
commissioner is provided
for I shall urge and insist
on your election, and it will
give me great pleasure to do it.
I will appreciate a suggestion
from you at any time.

Yours truly
J. E. Ritchard

P.S. Enclosed length of this letter
as it is agreed in court

Received 2/22/1895. Marshall He

Answered.....189..

Feb 19/95-

Dear Col.

I herewith send a
letter to Senator Stanford
which I trust will be satisfactory
I have written several of
my friends similar letters
and will do all I can
to aid you I do not
wish to seem in open
opposition to other applicants
confidentially, therefore I leave
you with wishes which I
regard as confidential
Yours faithfully
J. C. Pritchard

J. C. R.

1/26/05.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Feb. 25, 1897

W. B. Trogden, Esq.,

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

replying to your letter I beg to say that I will be glad to do any thing that I can for you in regard to the matter referred to in your letter, but my impression is that it is under civil service. However, I may be mistaken in this.

Yours truly,

J. C. Pittman

J. C. Pritchard
to
W. B. Ingham

Feb. 25, 1897

W. B. Ingham, Esq.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter, I beg to say that I will be glad to
do any thing that I can for you in regard to the material referred to in
your letter, but my impression is that it is under civil service. How-
ever, I may be mistaken in this.

Yours truly,

For. Sec. Treas

United States Senate,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Marshall, N.C. Nov. 16, 1897.

Hon. R. M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Judge:

Your letter has been received and in reply will say that I am in the midst of our Criminal Court and now engaged in the trial of a capital case and am therefore unable to answer your letter fully. After I reach Washington and have sufficient time to think over the matter I will write you fully. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Pritchard

(Copied)

J. C. Pritchard

Nov. 16, 1897.

(Pritchard)

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

J. C. PITCHARD, Chairman.	
Henry Cabot Lodge.	Horace Chilton.
Justin S. Morrill.	R. R. Kenney.
Stephen B. Elkins.	Wm. A. Harris of Kans.
E. O. Wolcott.	W. V. Sullivan.
	W. S. Hyams, Clerk.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND RETRENCHMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28, 1898.

Hon. F. M. Douglass,

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your esteemed favor of recent date, permit me to say that I appreciate very much your kind expressions, and to assure you that I shall ever be grateful to you for the same.

Whenever I can do anything for you do not hesitate to command me.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Pitchard

J. C. Pritchard

Jan. 28, 1899.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Feb 23/1901
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Dear Judge:

Your certainly manifested
wish of you thought & wanted & upon
to your impeachment in my speech.
I think the country at large should
be advised, as to it, but if it is
not your judgment that it should be
done, I certainly would not think
of doing so, as I choose to be your
friend and well wisher in all
things. The people are clamoring for
a statement from me as to political
ambitions, and I am at a loss as to
what to do, because I would not
for anything do that which would
in the slightest degree prejudice your
case. I trust that I have made
myself plain

Sincerely yours,
J. W. Buchanan

Dear Sir,

Received of you

the sum of

£1000
which I have
received of you
for the purchase
of the land
situated in the
parish of St. Mary
and in the
county of London
and I have
received of you
the sum of £1000
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county of London

Yours faithfully
J. H. H. H.

Hon. J. C. Pritchard
Marshall, N.C.

My Dear Senator

You have doubtless
seen the telegram from Washington
saying that my name was
under consideration by the
President for the vacant posi-
tion on the Court of Claims.

~~This matter was started~~
~~without my knowledge, and~~
~~I have so far declined to take~~
~~any action; but if~~

~~I have made no application~~
~~whatever for the position, and~~
~~do not know that there is~~
~~any truth in the report,~~

TIME



WORLD

TIME



WORLD

Further than the statement
 that the correspondent,
 personally unknown to me,
 is a personal friend of the
 President.

Whatever may have been done
 in my interest was done
 without my knowledge.
 I have never applied for
 the position either directly
 or indirectly; and shall ^{do not}
^{wish to} ~~not~~ do so unless assured
 of your support. The
 matter has attracted so
 much attention, and I
 have received so many

EMAIL TIME



NO. 10

MEMO



NO. 10

offers of endorsements that I feel compelled either to become an active candidate or to announce definitely that I am not a candidate.

You know my disposition. I do not believe in ^a mere permissive candidacy, the very result of which usually is to embarrass a man's friends.

I wish you would frankly tell me whether you can give me your ~~active~~ support, as without it I could not hope for success no matter what might be the

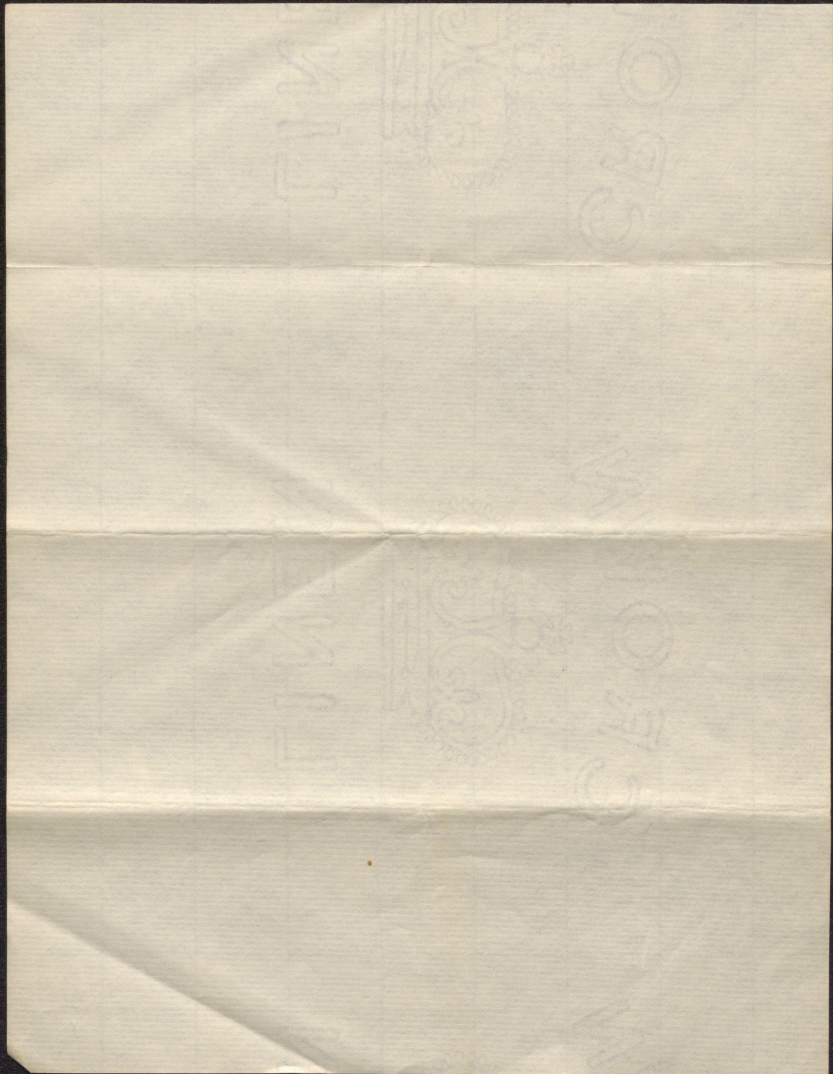
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President's feelings towards
me personally.

I will frankly say that I have
felt some ~~hesitation~~
embarrassment in writing
to you in view of your refusal
to consent to my appointment
as U. S. District Judge when
~~President General H. H. H.~~
~~informed~~ ^{you} ~~that~~ Mr. McKinley
wished to appoint me.

However, circumstances have
essentially changed, ~~and as~~
~~your objection~~ I have concluded
to tell you plainly what I
want, and ask in return
an answer equally ^{candid} ~~plain~~.



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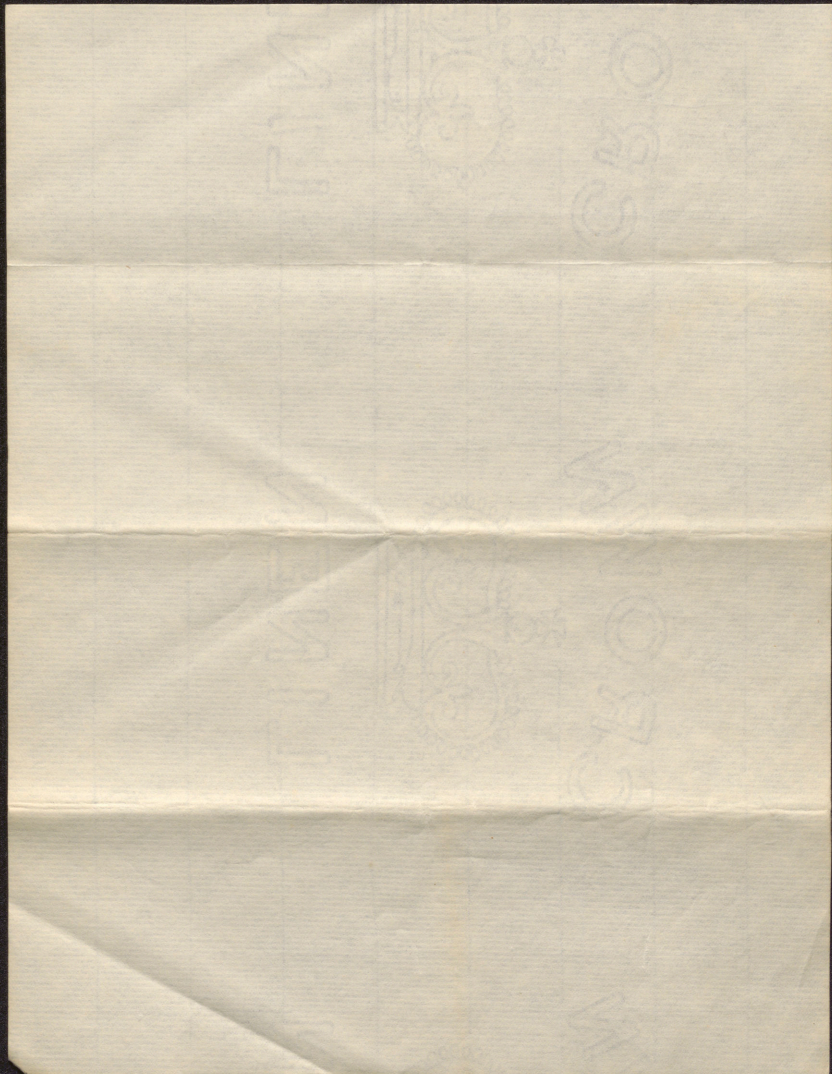
~~and explicit.~~

I would be glad to obtain a
^{Federal}
~~Washington~~ Judgeship, because
it is for life, and nearly six
years upon the Bench have
created Judicial habits ^{of thought and action}. ~~Business~~
~~come so rarely that~~

~~Please let me hear of~~

While this state has two
temporary Judgeships, I do
not think it has had a
life position outside its the
state since the war.

Please let me hear from
you at your earliest con-
venience, as I must take
some action at once.



~~While I feel sure that our~~
~~dearest life long friendship~~
~~would prompt you to assist~~
~~me, and hoping that~~
 If you feel at liberty to do so, I would be glad to
 have you send me a letter stating your opin-
 ion of my character and fitness, which I could send
~~regarding to the President, and to my~~
 Hoping that no political
 complications may exist to
 prevent you from giving me
 that assistance which I
 am sure our almost
 life long friendship would
 prompt you to render,
 I remain, with best wishes

Sincerely Yours

Copy of
letter to
Pritchard.
8/16/02.

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J. C. Pritchard

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IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS RETURN TO

State of North Carolina
Supreme Court
Raleigh

ROBERT M. DOUGLAS, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

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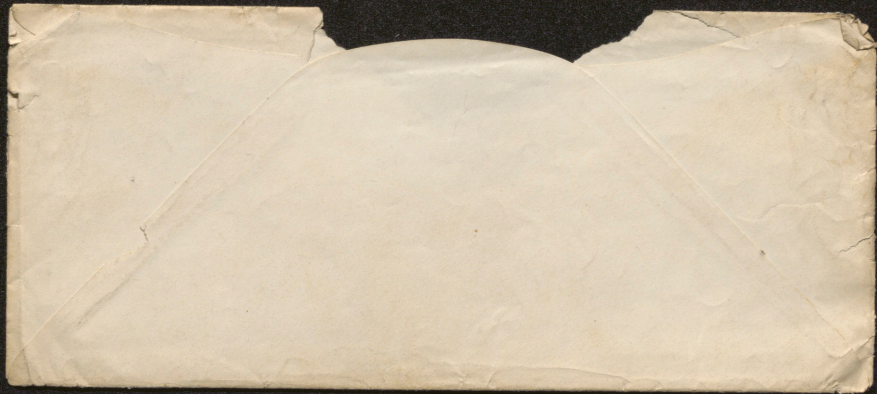
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Papers about Critchard





Mar's Hill N.Y.

July 15th 1879

Col. R. M. Douglas,
U. S. Marshal.

Dear Sir:
I

write to inform you
that my trial came
off yesterday at
Marshall before U. S.
Comm. Roberts. and that
I was discharged there
being no evidence to
convict me. The
Gov. had 7 witnesses
I never introduced
any witnesses in my
behalf as Ray, own
wit cleared me. Ray
employed James Brady

to procure Ray and
and Gudgeon did all
they could to convict
me. I hone the
affidavits of the
parties who filled
made affidavits at
Statesville. Please
send me a list of the
names of the parties
I charged the Gov. &
for transporting in Asheville
last fall Ray says he intends
to continue to swear out
warrants for me. Please
speak to Judge Dickinson
regard to this matter

Respectfully

J. C. Pritchard
U. S. Dep. Marshal

Let me hear from
you.

Ans. Aug. 22 1879

J. C. Pritchard,
Circuit Judge.

Judges' Chambers,
United States Circuit Courts,
Fourth Circuit,
Asheville, N. C.

December 24, 1908.

Hon. Ro. M. Douglass,

Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Judge Douglass:

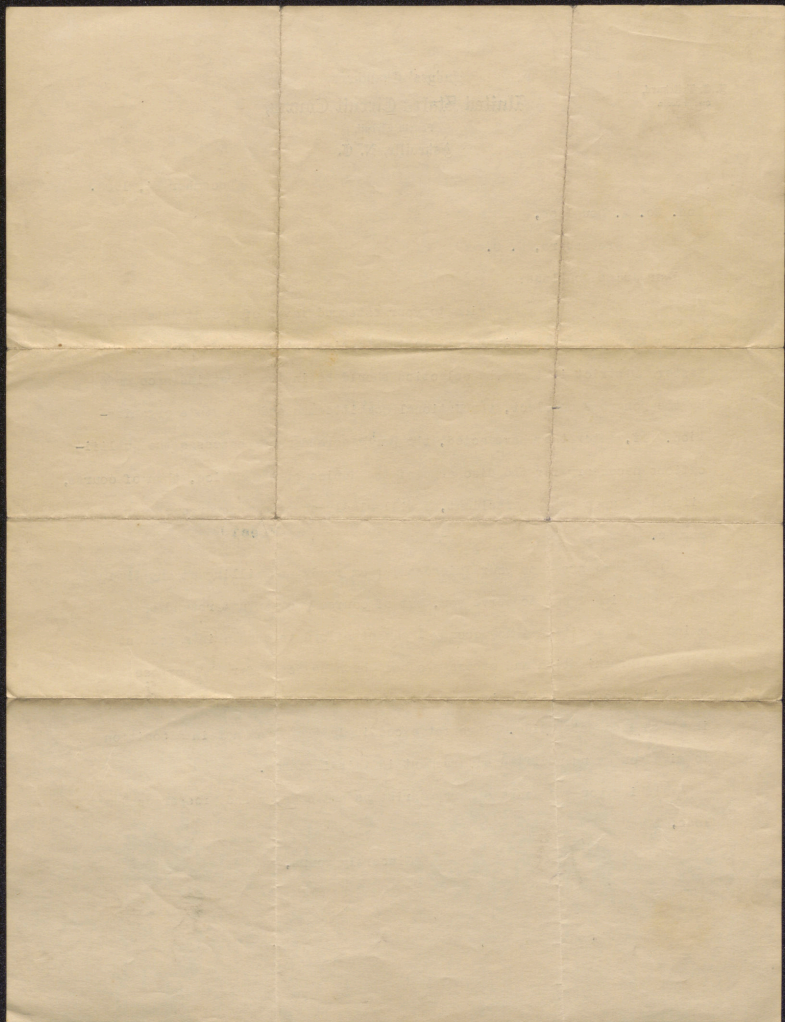
Replying to your esteemed favor of recent date I beg to say that my position in regard to the appointment of a judge for the Eastern District is that the selection should be in the first instance made by the congressmen-elect, the National Committeeman and the State organization. If, after they have acted, the party agreed upon possesses the qualifications necessary for the discharge of the duties of the office, then of course, if called upon by the President, I will gladly endorse whoever such party may be.

I have always been your friend and I am ready and willing at any time to do anything I can to serve you, but of course you can understand that owing to the position I now occupy I cannot afford to engage in a contest with the organization and others who have been selected for the purpose of making recommendations in regard to a matter which pertains to a district in which I do not reside. I regret exceedingly that I am not in a position to give you my unqualified endorsement in this instance.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Pritchard



United States of America

Western District of Mo.

April 11th 1879



This day personally appeared before
me M. L. Bryant, U. S. Commissioner
in and for said District
Valentine Rice who after having
duly sworn as the Law Directs -
deposes and says That on or
about the middle of Sept 1878
J. C. Patchard was in company with
J. M. Smith and others, was passing my
shop. Shop Patchard & Smith stopped
and called me out - Smith said to
me - Do you want to fix us that
Revenue matter against you. That
Patchard had a writ for you. I told
him that for Patchard to read it to me.
I was ready for it - he said if Patchard
showed the court he would have to arrest
me - and said I could fix it up for
\$10 dollars. I told him I did not have
the money and had rather stand a trial
than to pay it. He then said come
Could not you get \$15 dollars against
Don Day and ^{he} would pay the other himself
and work with me six months. I told
him that I did not expect that I could get
the money - J. C. Patchard was standing close
by within hearing distance of what Smith
said. he never arrested at the time
or after words

Valentine Rice

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me the day and date above written

W. D. Bryan

U. S. Court for the
Western Dist. of N. C.



United State of America
Western District of North Carolina
April 12th 1879

This day personally appeared before me W. D. Bryant, U. S. Commissioner in and for said District J. R. Smith after being duly sworn as the Law directs deposed in says on or about the 1st day of July 1878 E. D. Musgrove come to my house on Cave Creek and asked me if J. C. Pritchard did not have a warrant for him. I told him I thought he had. He then asked if I knew who the witness was. I told him I did not. He then asked me to find out if I could Pritchard come to my house some time after that and asked me to go and help him arrest Henry Gannce. We did not catch Gannce I saw Musgrove and told Pritchard there was Musgrove - He told me to go and see him ^{and tell him} if he will give him \$10 dollar I will release him. I went to Musgrove and told him what Pritchard said. He told me he would not do it. Then I told him to go and see Pritchard himself. He went to Pritchard

and they went off and had a talk
Then we all went up to Calvin Davises
House. Musgome went up to Davises ^{house} and
presently he came out and called for
Patchard - and he went down to the
spring I did not know what was
done we then all come down to W. H. Clow
store together Patchard asked me and
Joe Nelson - if we would stand for
Musgome appearance at Bon I told
him I would, if he would promise
me he would come, and he promised
and Joe Nelson stood with me -
on the road Patchard put his hand in
his vest pocket and showed me a bill
of money and said that the way to
make money - we then come down the
creek to Valentin Rice - Patchard
asked me to stop and see Rice and see
if I could not get some money from
him. I told Rice what Patchard said
if he would give him \$50 dollars he
would release him. Rice told me
he did not have the money - I went
and told Patchard what he said - Patchard
then told me to go back ask him if
he could not get the money by Sunday
or as much as \$50. dollars and for him
to tell he would pay the other to Patchard
and work ~~for~~ ^{with} you for
the money - he said he would try

Some time after that Patchard told
me to send word to Frank Gordon
& Beth Davis to come over and they
could fix up their coats ^{by paying him some amount} for \$50 each
Gordon come - and him and Patchard
had a talk. and the agreement was
for Gordon to pay Patchard \$50 doll -
Patchard was to summon only one
witness and that was myself - Gordon
did not have the money - and I agreed
to stand to Patchard for the money the
trial come off and Gordon come
clear. I did not know any thing against
him. The witness that was on the
warrant was in the country - and could
he come at - I was not on the
warrant until Patchard put it on
he asked me if I knew any thing on
Gordon I told him I did not - and Gordon
come clear. Gordon has since been
arrested by W. H. Green and bound to
Court. I am on his bond for his
appearance

J. W. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed
before me at office
this 12th April 1879

W. L. Bayley
U. S. Cor. of the
Western Dist of N. C.

