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Fayetteville May 24th 1853

Dear Fred —

I know that an apology is due for not answering your letter long before this. It has not been for want of a disposition but I have been away from home a good part of the time and there is such a dearth of news that I find it a hard matter to make out a letter. I saw our mutual friend Devane at Bladen Court a few days ago he is well and enjoys his usual fine flow of spirits he was out visiting among the girls one night while at Bladen and from the way he talks when he came back I would not be surprised if we should hear from him soon. Tell my friend Danl. G. Fowle that Devane says he got his Boots in Raleigh but does not remember who gave them to him. I don't think it was me. We had quite an animated discussion here last week between Dr. N. M. Ræe and Mr. Ashe the candidates for congress both Democratic but Mr. Ræe in favour of distributing the lands and Ashe opposed to it. I think that Mr. Ræe made one of the most Eloquent speeches I ever listened to. It is the opinion of the knowing ones that the contest will be a close one.

In your letter ^{to} me you told me I must write Miss — a piece of poetry about a certain Neg.

of Oysters which request I would have complied with
but since I have got out of love there is no poetry
in my soul. I am a good deal like the Mississippi
Editor who stops his paper two months for the purpose
of giving his subscribers a peice of poetry and when
it came out there was only two lines one short and
the other tolerably long viz

"Wand' Moses a great rascal

For leading the children of Israel forty years through
the wilderness and feeding them on paschal"

We had considerable excitement here last week it being
Superior Court week his honour Judge Richard
presiding which together with the meeting of the
stockholders of the Fayetteville Bank and the Annual
meeting of the "Medical Society" brought quite a crowd
of strangers to our town

Our friend Miss Sally Curtis has been
sick ever since I wrote you before and not having
seen her I have not been able to get that Miss
for you yet I have been anxious to become
the medium of communication as I might learn
something that I don't know at present. Her bad
health is a source of regret to all her friends
for she is certainly a splendid woman If she only
^{had} a constitution proportioned to her mind What a prize
she would be I hope as the summer advances
she will improve

As usual with every one who goes to Judge Pearson
and then goes home to finish his studies I am
just throwing away my time I am afraid I will
not be able to get my Superior Courts Licence
in Dec^r. I get some business to do and it
takes me away from my books more than I
should be at this time I wish I could attend
Judge P's fall course but will hardly be able
to do so. I hear from Blue occasionally but have
not seen him since Dec^r - I believe he is going
the west -

If you don't come through Fayetteville
in June you must be sure and write me
and let me know your location when you
get home - I am a poor correspondent but
will do my best.

Remember me most kindly to
all and believe me to be your
Friend

W. J. L. J. H. J.

Dear Fred;

I opened this at the instigation of the
Squire to see whether or not it contained
money, which Mac was to send up about this time.
The Col's family are in the deepest affliction, caused
by the death of Mrs McMillan. Mrs R Williams is
much frightened, she being about to experience the

same sickness, viz: child delivery, as Mrs McMillan -
Mrs Pearson has recovered her senses, and all
of the rest of the good people are well -

Yours truly

David Howle

Mrs Gray