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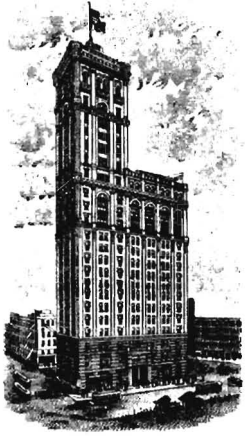
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Hon Thomas G. McLeod.

Governor of South Carolina.

Columbia ... S. C.

My dear Gov McLeod; -When in Columbia last week you will remember that in the course of our conversation there was a reference to the S. C. pension law which applies to old darkies who served as servants, ~~and~~ cooks etc in the Confederate Army. You mentioned the fact that you had received scores of interesting and typical darky letters from all parts of the country, from old negroes who claim to be within the scope of the law. I mentioned these facts to the N. Y Times and so I am writing you to ask if you will not be so kind as to send me a copy of the law, a statement of ~~about~~ ^{words} about 600 ~~words~~ by yourself regarding the effect of the law ^{as well as} the sentimentality of the matter, ^{and also} ~~as well as~~ a ~~few~~ ^{few}, say a dozen, of these letters to go with the article. The Times would like to make a Sunday feature of this story and I will, as a good South Carolinian, write it in a way I am sure will meet your approval. I will of course return the letters to you. I would prefer the regular "old time nigger" letters those in which the writers refer to their wartime services. Regarding the statement from yourself I suggested 600 words as a minimum. We would be delighted if that statement is 1000 words long. If you can



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See your way clear to let us have this data, along with the personal statement from yourself, ~~at~~ within a week I shall be deeply obligated to you. Hope that I will again have the pleasure of a few words with you when I am home for a few days next Christmas. Again asking the courtesy of an early compliance with this request I remain,

Very sincerely your friend

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