

United States Senate.

Trenton, S. C.

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Dr. P. H. Mell,

Clemson College, S. C.

My dear Sir:

At the Board meeting last night in Columbia the plan of erecting a silo at the Goodman Beef Shed was approved with only slight objections on the part of Col. Simpson; and the entire report of the agricultural committee, which is in the possession of Mr. Tucker, and which I hope you will read, was approved. This for the first time clearly defines the labor status and in a manner the duties of Mr. Lewis. You will, therefore, please see to it that there are no interruptions or interferences to the work which I will map out for Mr. Lewis to do. He will use the convicts from now on only in saving the crop, sowing the grain, clearing land and other farm operations. Work on the campus, if any is to be done, and hauling from the depot must be performed, by hired labor. I suggest that until I come to the college and talk the matter over with you that you do little or no work on the campus. I will write to Mr. Lewis direct and give him specific instructions, and will enclose you a copy.

We are to build a new silo at once and about this I will write Prof. Riggs, who already has a force partially organized for the repairs on the mechanical hall. Mr. Lewis has been tangled up by interruptions and calls from various sources until I think perhaps he has grown careless and

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somewhat lacking in energy, but as I will, at the request of Messrs. Wannamaker and Rawl, take direct control of him and his work, it will relieve you and enable him to make a better showing which he must do to give satisfaction.

I had a letter from Prof. Riggs saying that he might come to Columbia the latter part of this week. I wish you would ask him, if he does come, to bring the topographical map which he promised to make of the Clemson estate. I want to be thinking out the plans for the pasture fences and other matters of permanent improvement which we want Lewis to undertake this winter. If he does not bring the map, have him send it as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

