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Previously Friends of N.C. &
have been thrown back
more the past winter than
at any period since the
war on account of the almost
universal acceptance of the
U.S. Bankrupt Law, the
State Stay Law & the State
homestead bill by the
people. The latter law exempts
\$1000. & at present sheriff
valuations it covers farms
& stock of not less than \$5000.
I stayed all night with the
Com^r of Bankruptcy who
has jurisdiction over 1/4 of
the state & he says no
friend has taken the Law
& they are the only exceptions
as a class.

Friends had no property in claim
& their savings were loaned out.
Such debts were carried over
by the war, but now they are

(written in last main copy) 12/29

W. Whitall

My dear friend

The subject upon
which thou hast written me
is an interesting & important
one. I have had it in view
for a long time, but Friends
in N.C. are so very poor
that they are not yet able
to do much - the few who
are educated are needed
in our own day & first day
schools.

We propose to issue an address
to Friends of N.C. urging them
this summer to organize
first day Col^d schools & at
the time of Yearly Mtg (11/11/18)
we shall attempt the or-
ganisation of a home Ad-
to aid the Col^d people in
various ways, including schools