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A WIFE DISGRACED!

Daughter's Letter to Her Father in the Legislature Who Voted for the Douglas Resolution, and the Father's Reply.

The following letter has been sent to the News and Observer with the request to publish it. It was either written by the daughter of a legislator to her father, or ought to have been written by a loving daughter who is so unfortunate as to have a father as a member of the Fusion branch of this General Assembly.

X ROADS, N. C., Feb. 26, 1885. DEAR PA: Knowing, as you did, that ma was quite unwell, and having written to her that you would be sure to come home to see us on Saturday night, and knowing as well that you had a free pass on the railroad, and that it would cost you nothing to come, you cannot imagine how greatly we were disappointed at your not coming.

This ma, who is always disposed to look upon things in the best light, might say that you were detained by some important legislative business, and that when the mail should come on Monday all would be explained. So we sat down to supper and tried to be as cheerful as we could, under the circumstances. But every now and then I would sigh and say, "I feel just like some important legislative business, and that when the mail should come on Monday all would be explained."

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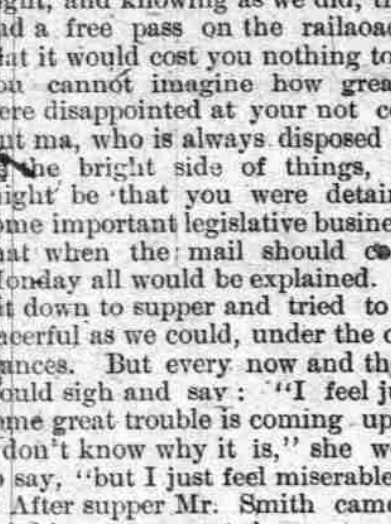
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