

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
November 8, 1880

Capt. E. Nelson

Dear Captain: I wish to ask a favor of you, which I will be happy to reciprocate when in my power. My house and furniture was burned in March 1876, and I believe I have been paying taxes on the house ever since. The Commissioner of Revenue neglected to deduct the value of the house. Will you please inquire of Mr. Tansill or Mr. Kincheloe as to the facts in the case, and make application in my name to the court for a return of the amount paid for county purposes, or township levies. The tax paid for State purposes, I shall have to ask the legislature to return. If you will send me the amount, and the form of application I will get Mr. Nicol to attend to it for me next winter. I would not trouble you but for want of knowledge on the subject.

I saw Mr. Jas Weedon yesterday. They were all well. We have lost the election though the corruption of New York politicians, and will have four years more of republican rule. But how proud we Virginians feel, especially those of us from dear old Prince William. All true democrats praise and honor us. The Virginia Democratic Association will keep up their organization, and I hope to live long enough to see our cause victorious. The Democratic Party is stranger to-day than at any time in the past 20 years.

With kind regards to all my friends and your father particularly,
I am yours truly,
C. W. C. Dunnington