May 16th 1868

Pleasant Exchange Bladen county

His Excellency W W Holden

Raleigh N.C.

Dear Sir we feel Happy to Hail you as Governor of our Old North State and we wish to say something to you concerning our part of the State So far as our county and Senator district is concerned we were Lucky enough to Elect all our county officers but we are sorry we lost our Senator for Bladen & Columbus and has F W Purdie, elected instead of F F Trench Esq But we hope Mr Purdie cannot take his seat for he is as greate an Enemy to Republicanism ~~as~~ as any man in N.C. he was one of the democratic Canvapers of Bladen

Gov. we have had a Squally time in this part of the State the Hon Wm B Rodman is called a mule thief an Bill Holden is call the meanest man God ever made we are called Flounders or white sided Negros in fact there is no language mean enough to be applied but Thank God we ~~have~~ have gained the victory and we Beg you to send us a few numbers of the Standard and address us at S.t Pauls Robeson County and we can get them there is no mail in our vicinity but we trust we will have one before long and when we do we Heros of America will

will Subscribe and take a greate many copyis
we are very Strong in Bladen and Since the
election we are gaing ground faster then we did
at any time privious we want Two New charters
or Constitutions for the establishment new leagues
and we believe we will Beat the Oligarks in
White voters by next Election
please appoint Jacob Freeman & Arthur Coe
Justices of the Peace in white oak district
Bladen County and Malcom L. McLean and
Archd. J. McDonald Magistrates in Hollow District
and we Suppose the other Districts will make
Suitable recommendations please send us all
the news necesary for us and we will hand it
Round to your Friends and we will also
remunerate you for your trouble we will pay
you well we want instructions for all
offices as soon as practicable and will
act accordingly we hope you will excuse
Blunders in this Badly written letter we will
do better next time may Peace and good Luck
Attend you is our Fervent Desires of your
obedient Servents &c

A. J. McDonald
Alex McDonald
James R McDonald
Alexander Hodge
John W. McDonald

W. L. L.