

Udubill Junction N.C.  
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Dear Fletcher

I am in the  
jaws of despond this morning -  
or as Preacher would express  
it "on the ragged Edge" -  
I can't get business so arranged  
as to enable me to join the  
Excursion Tuesday. - Bro atty  
Davis is just married  
and like all such fellows  
his world is narrowed down  
to 2 inhabitants. he can't  
consider my pleasure and so  
refuses to adjourn hearing in  
the County Court Reference -  
I can't go, but remember  
your "Uncle Dudley" and also  
don't forget that as you