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April 13, 1939.

Mrs. Helen Weltby Lumpkin,
Law Library,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Lumpkin:

The publication of the index material was presented in conference to the Court by the Chief Justice. The insertion as to authorship and sponsorship was made by me before the conference upon the suggestion that the authorship of everything printed in the reports (except cases and court orders) must be indicated, as much for the protection of the Court as for the purpose of giving proper credit. This may, of course, be re-phrased in such words as you think best.

The Chief Justice called to my attention that it omitted what he considers one of the finest pieces of literature in the Reports - the "buried" Memorandum on Chief Justice Taylor (16 N.C. 308). This should be inserted at the proper place if we can determine the authorship definitely.

The Court, too, insists that the dual page-references be eliminated. Only one form of page reference is recognized as approved (see the rule for citation of reports printed in the front of each of the recent volumes). The "original" or "marginal" page references only should be used; all references to the "annotated" paging should be eliminated. I noticed in checking some of these references that some transposition crept into the work, so that sometimes the original page was in parenthesis and sometimes it was outside of it. In the final manuscript please check the actual references carefully to the "marginal" paging to be sure of absolute accuracy.

If you can return this manuscript in its final, checked form within the next few days we may be able to get it into volume 214, otherwise its publication will be delayed six months by awaiting volume 215.

The Court asked that I extend to you its appreciation of the vast amount of work which obviously went into the preparation of this index material.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,

Dillard S. Gardner