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Sec. of the Treasury,

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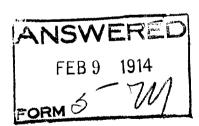
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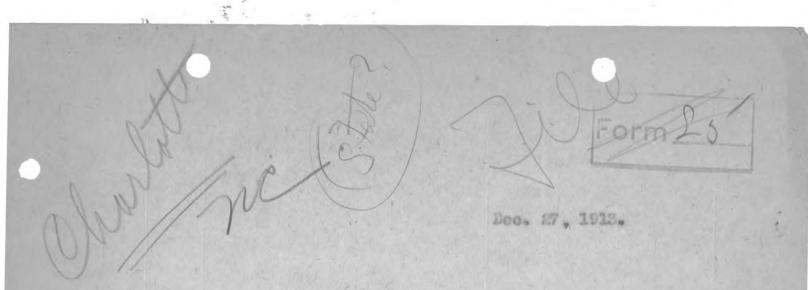
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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted.

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Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secty. of the Frencury and Chairman of "The Reserve Bank Organization Committee". Washington, D. C.

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CHARLOTTE CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

President.

Secretary.

February 5, 1914.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter, inclosing copy of Secretary Victor's letter to you of Jamuary 24th in regard to the ostablishment of a regional bank at Charlette which I will take pleasure in submitting to the Organisation Committee for consideration.

The Department is appreciative of the fidelity, skill and discretion with which you have discharged your responsible duties as Government Representative at Charlotte in connection with the deposit of funds in your local National Banks to assist in the movement of the crops.

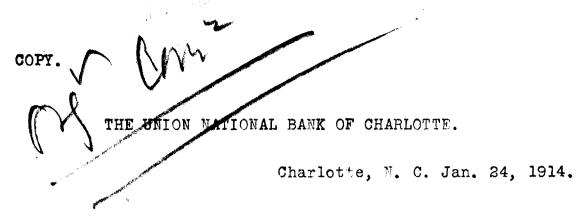
As this work came under my immediate supervision as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury at that time, I should like to take advantage of this opportunity of thanking you for your unselfish public service in that connection.

Very truly yours,

Comptroller of the Currency.

E. R. Preston, Esq.,

Charlotte, K. C.



Mr. E. R. Preston,

Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the fact that through your valued aid, our allotment of Government Deposit was increased from \$400.000 to \$500,000 our association, at a meeting held on Jan. 21, 1914, passed a resolution requesting you to talk with the Organization Committee, consisting of Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Hon. David Houston, Hon. Jno. S. Williams and such other parties as you see fit and do such things as you think proper in regard to having a Federal Reserve Bank located at Charlotte.

We assure you of our high appreciation of your disposition and ability to aid us in these matters.

Yours truly,

V/A.

(Signed) H. M. Victor, Secretary.

CHARLOTTE CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

E. R. PRESTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
OFFICES: 1 AND 3 LAW BLDG.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Personal.

Jan. 26th, 1914.

Hon. John Skelton Williams,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:-

I am herewith sending you copies of matter about which we have had some conversation and thought possibly they might be useful in your files.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses

to me, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Honorable Gentlemen of the Committee of Organization, Federal Reserve

Upon the reaonable presumption that the Southeast District will be composed of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida certainly, and probably East Tennessee and Eastern Alabama, because of the kindred interests and the usual customs of trade, a Reserve Bank north of these states would be inconvenient on account of the distance and mail facilities. Figures covering this district are as follows:

Capital	Su r pl us	No. of Nat'l Banks.	Amt. Borrowed as of Oct. 21,1913.	Deposits.
Virginia	29,355,000	133	3,556,000	110,563,000
North Carolina		72	3,518,000	43,802,000
South Carolina	8,516,000	4 8	3,560,000	28,092,000
Georgia		117	5,822,000	63,553,000
Florida		53	2,616,000	38,248,000
Alabama	16,031,000	90	2,925,000	48,722,000
Tennessee		109	3,848,000	74,453,000
TOTAL	119,014,000		25,913,000	407,523,000

Reserves being 5-12 of total reserve against above deposits would amount to \$20,376,000. These are the total figures for the above states which would be slightly less by reason of deducting the Western half of Tennessee, Alabama and the Western corner of Florida, but which would be large ly augmented by the added figures resulting from membership of state banks who will no doubt join the system on account of great advantages offered by the Federal Reserve Act.

Will state in this connection, that the state banks in the states named have a capital and deposits almost equal to that of the National Banks. As to North Carolina in particular, will say that it stands eleventh in the United States as to agricultural production, 16th as to population and 28th as to land area.

In the District outlined above, Charlotte is within twelve hours ride or one nights ride by mail of every city of importance, except Tampa, 18 hours, Birmingham, 14 hours, Montgomery, 14 hours, Chattanooga, 15 hours. The following cities are within 12 hours of Charlotte: Lynchburg, Richmond, Wilmington, Winston, Asheville, Columbia, Spartanburg, Atlanta, Savannah, Danville, Norfolk, Raleigh, Greensboro, Knoxville, Greenville, Charleston, Augusta, Jacksonville.

Charlotte is almost in the center of the district outlined, being very slightly to the North of the center.

The banks of the South, without exception, desire that the reserve bank be to the North of them rather than to the South. All that portion outlined to the North of Charlotte, is within one night's mail of Charlotte, and the tread of business in this territory is to the South. The mail facilities from Charlotte are excellent, mails going North, South, East and West on evening trains, reaching 12-hour cities the next morning. We present herewith a map showing Charlotte's geographical location in regulation to the district and showing distances and mail receipts and deliveries.

We desire expecially to call the attention of the Honorable Committee to the number of railroads radiating from Charlotte, penetrating the surrounding country in eight different directions. We are sure that, from the standpoint of railroad service that no other city located in this territory is so well equiped to render the service that Charlotte can give.

Charlotte is in the immediate center of the largest cotton manufacturing district in the South. Ninety per cent.of the production of Digitized for Footton yarns and cloth of the south is manufactured within a radius of 150 http://fraser.stmilesg/of Charlotte. It is also a large market for the handling of raw cotton.

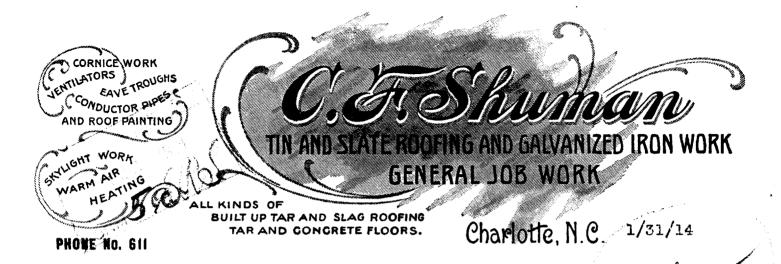
and the center of a large production of cotton seed oil and other by-products of cotton. Charlotte already conducts an immense amount of business with all points in the district outlined, and with a reserve bank would be conveniently situated to serve with dispatch and convenience the wants and needs of the entire district. The established custom and tread of business has for so long been in favor of New York, Philadelphia and Bahtimore, that it would be presumptious for any city now in this district to claim to control or have any overwhelming share of the general banking transactions of the Southeast.

The very nature and object of the formation of the reserve banks is to create such a center of financial operations for which Charlotte is most admirably adapted by reason of location, size, business surroundings and the immense amount of commerce carried on to the immediate Northeast and South. Richmond on the North and Atlanta on the South offer a wonderful array of figures showing why each point should be selected, but Charlotte is an equal distance immediately between the two, offers the sum total of both their figures and advantages and in addition, the wonderful and rapidly developing territory intervening of which Charlotte is the center. Charlotte is the center geographically, the center of population and the center commercially of this district.

The population of this district is of the same radical decent and it could be said also, for the most part, engaged in the same lines of pursuit so that their business shows such a similarity in character that it would make it most convenient and most practicable to have it handled through one reserve bank.

The Government already owns valuable and admirably located property in Charlotte, known as the United States Mint, recently used as an essay office, and this property has long been associated with the financial operations of the Government and would afford a splendid home for a reserve bank for this district.

These facts and exhibits have been hastily gotten together and before arriving at a decision, we feel that it would be fair and just to Charlotte that your committee favor us with a stopover, if only for one day, on your return from the West and South. We invite you to be our guests on your way from Atlanta to Washington on any day convenient to you in February. Charlotte must be seen to be appreciated and you should not judge her by this modest delegation. You gentoemen would be surprised at the great changes that have grown in Charlotte in the past few years. Further, we will ask your indulgence in allowing us to file with you within the course of the next week or ten days, a printed pamphlet setting out what has been told you and other data, more carefully and consecutively gotten together, which will, we hope, be interesting to you and helpful to us.



Hon. Wm.G.McAdoo Secretary of the Treasury Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

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Chairman of "The Reserve Bank Organization Committee",
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NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION

Hon. David H. Houston Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother: -

On behalf of forty

theusand members of the North Carolina Farmers Union, I am writing you relative to the location of a Federal Reserve Bank in this section of the South.

We the organized farmers of North Carolina Regit Sarnestly ask your consideration of the City of Charlotte N.C.a. a cuitable location for one of the Faderal Reserve Banks about to be established in our country.

The City of Charlotte geographically is located midway between the manufacturing and commercial centers of the North Atlantic States and the agricultural sections of the South Atlantic States. Charlotte is also the center of great manufacturing developments of diversified character but most largely of the raw products from the fields of the farmers.

Charlotte is also the center of great electrical development and is rapidly becoming one of the most important industrial and commercial centers of the South Atlantic States.

Charlotte is also an important rail road center and within easy and rapid communication with all points North, South or West.

But more important than all these facts, Charlotte is the center of a great agricultural section of our Southland. It is about time for our National Government to consider the needs of that fundamental calling on which all other industries are dependent. The agricultural interests must be aided and promoted and developed above all others if we would maintain our position ear one of the prosperous Nations of the world.

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As our second choice we would favor the City of Richmond Va..

As you, Mr. Secretary, stand at the head of that Repartment of our Government that is intended specially to promote the agricultural development of our country, we feel sure that our interests will be carefully safeguarded by you.

Thanking you in advance for your favorable consideration,

I am yours fraternally,

President N.C.Farmers Union.

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Hon.Wm.G.McAdoo,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;



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Very truly yours,

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E. E. MENDENHALL, PRESIDENT.

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to use your influence and work faw the establishment of a Federal reserve Bank in the city of Charlotte Hank Carolina. Should you see that Charlotte has no chance of securing the Bank then work for Richmond Vai, anything you may do towards the locating of one of these Banks in our midst will be highly appreciated by the people of our caunty, hanking you in odonce for anything your may do towards this cause.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Shelby, N. C., December 31, 1913.

Hon. W. G. McAdco,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McAdoo:

I desire to urge you to consider carefully and seriously the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, for one of the Federal Reserve Bank sites. I believe this city is an ideal point between New York and New Orleans, both geographically and commercially. Within a radius of one hundred miles of Charlotte, there are about three hundred (300) cotton mills, which is about one-half of all there are in the South. It is the largest city in North Carolina, with splendid banks and banking facilities, and I, therefore, trust that you will give the City of Charlotte very serious consideration when you come to select your Reserve Centers.

Very truly yours,

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

WASHINGTON.

January 13, 1914.

My dear Mr. McAdoo:

I do not wish to burden you further regarding the location of the reserve banks, but the people of Charlotte, N. C., are most anxious that a regional reserve bank be located in that city. I know you will give their plea every consideration.

Very cordially yours,

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Hon. William G. McAdoo,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. G.

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January 15, 1914.

By dear Mr. Secretary:

Replying to your letter of January

13th, please be assured that the claims of

Charlette, Morth Carolina, for a regional reserve bank will receive the careful consideration of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

Charlotte will be given a hearing this aftermoon.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy. SIXTY-THIRD CONGRES.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U.S.

February 11, 1914.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington. D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am very heartily in favor of a Regional Bank being established at Charlotte, North Carolina, but if, in the wisdom of your Board, you feel that it cannot be established there, then I wish to endorse Richmond, Virginia.

Very respectfully,

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February 13, 1914.

Sir

Your letter of February 11th, addressed to Secretary McAdoo, has been referred to this office, and I shall take pleasure in calling the attention of the Committee to your preference, with reference to the establishment of a Regional Bank, for Charlotte, North Carolina, or Richmond, Virginia.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

Hon. W. Y. Webb.

House of Representatives.