State of North Carolina,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  

Raleigh, April 11th, 1863.

Sir, Wm. E. Sherman  
Commanding U.S. Forces  

General

Sir, Hon. Mayor &c.  

I have the honor to request the clemency of your friends to encourage the public and charitable institutions of the State, located here and elsewhere, to aid the poor, unfortunate institutions, and most of whom receive protection from the care of the community in the event of their destruction. The Bishop of the State, with the libraries, museum and much of the public record is also left in your care, and I can but entertain the hope that they may escape mutilation or destruction in as much as much evidence of learning and labor, and advantage, must perish in the public institutions of the war, whether destruction,  

I am, gentlemen,  
Very Respectfully,  

J. B. Wrenn.