State of South Carolina

Excerpts department
Raleigh, Nov. 10th, 1862

Capt. D. W. Underwood

My dear Sir,

Your note of the 5th ulto is read in which you say that I was not taken in speaking that you had told me of hearing a conversation with Mr. Davis during the evening of the 21st in Raleigh in which he believed him to be that he had heard threats made to burn down the Federal office. I accepted your denial as true as your recollection, if perhaps, better than mine leaving life in your mind at the time than I had.

I am perfectly certain that no such statement was made to me.
by friend and officer and the author of it, as alluded to in my letter to the President the third day of the
23rd December last, or private communication on the subject. I always mentioned your name as the author, and
wrote to that effect in the afternoon and I
replied, "It is for a moment until
the impression of your name. Now how
I can not say upon any other person
who can in any way take our book
and the many himself in great ap-
proval prevailing it was easy for
me to be mistaken or misled as to
the person. Still Colonel, I repeat
that I accept your general statement
so great it that I am mistakes.

Very Respectfully

Wm. B. Smith

B. F. Woman