

Sassafras-fork, Granville Co N.C. January 12. 1877

Dear Judge,

On Tuesday I credited the judgments against Hargrove Moore and others with the sum of \$1829⁰⁰ the amount which upon inspection of the Books of the Clerk's office and vouchers in the hands of Jno & Jones I believed to be due and owing to the county of Granville to James S. Moore, and proper to be allowed in satisfaction of the judgments, according to the terms of the written agreement attached to the first judgment. The defendants Jones & Hargrove paid me \$300⁰⁰ in county orders, and I credited the execution with that amount. I have not paid the money over to the county, but retained it for our fees in the cause. - and shall keep it until I see you. I wanted them to pay me in cash but they would not do it. I saw Cole yesterday, he seemed to be dissatisfied and threatened to have the matter investigated by a committee and to employ other attorneys, I told him that I was quite willing to resign, and that I had acted in the matter, in a manner which I believed to be, to the real interest of the parties, and that by the terms of the agreement attached to the judgment I could not do other wise. - I saw him later in the evening and we rode home 16 miles together. On my way home, we conversed about the Mandamus suit &c. Cole seemed to be sorry when I told him the substance of the conversation he had with you, and said he had written you a letter and that he wished he could withdraw it. - I told him that you had expressed to me your determination to argue the answer in the Supreme Court, and that you would not allow any other person to do so. His face lighted up at once, and he said I wish he would, if he will do so, I will have the order rescinded we made in jail and publish in the paper a notice of the withdrawal of the advertisement already inserted. - I said Cole, I understand that the Bd of Comrs have joined in Edward's Remuner, he says, No we have not, but damn it, one does not know why to trust. Old man Stick engaged Col^l Edwards against my wishes (which I believe to be true) and I did not like to quarrel with the old man, he says I would not have anything to do with venturing the appeal from the judgment of Mandamus. I was vexed at old man Stick, and I intended going to Frank-
-linton to meet the Judge the following Monday, but the roads were so bad I could not get. He said further that when he got home on the Thurs-
-day evening preceeding the trial at Oxford, his wife told him that Preyear had been there with a paper, commending him to go to Oxford before Judge Watts, but she could not tell him what for, that the next morning he arose at 9 o'clock, fed his horse and left early, so as to get to Oxford in good time, that the roads were bad, and he did not get there until late, that on his arrival there, he tied his horse up in the lot, and went directly into the court house, that on his entering the bar, you moved to him, & that he moved to you, and intended to come and speak to you, but that Col Edwards held out his hand & said Ha! Cole, how are you? - That he sat next Edwards when they told him for the 1st time that you had forsaken him. - I asked him who told him, "Jno & Jones & old Stick told me in Edwards presence. Up to coming into court he said, I never had any conversation with Col Edwards or anyone else about our case, except you & the Judge & now said he, Mr. Hoorfall If the Judge & you will stand by us, and argue the answer and try to get the case on the Superior Court Hockett, I will fix everything, and take care that the county pays you well for it

I told I would write to you, he said, 'no', and tell him I would rather trust him than any one else, God damn the mire working - scoundrels said he, they have been trying to fool me, every damned one of them are sucking money by their damned rascality but me, but I'll fling them yet. - I want you to write me a letter to Sapapas - fork one which I may shew him, and which will tend to reassure him and to confirm the impression which I have already made upon his mind - and then I think everything will be hunky, and we can continue as advising counsell and make a few more fees. -

Please write without delay to Sapapas fork

With kind regards

Very truly Yours

W. H. Orsfall

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