

Wentworth N.C.
Oct. 31st 1871

A. W. Searge, Esq -

Judge of the 4th Judicial Dist. N.C.

Sir: Your answer to my communication with regard to the action of County Commissioners as to my defunct Bond was this day recd and I hasten to reply; when I wrote to you it was not my intention to take action against the said Commissioners but merely to make a statement of facts, which facts in substance were these; that there has been no regular meeting of the Board of said Commissioners since the 1st Monday of Sept last, at which time I filed a bond in the sum of \$1000⁰⁰, ten thousand Dollars but only \$700⁰⁰ of which was sufficient to, and the failure in having the entire sum \$1000⁰⁰, put me to a great disappointment on my part, and I proposed at that time to secure ~~of~~ the remaining \$300⁰⁰ by mortgage if required until I could have another chance, but as this was not required I supposed that I would be permitted or ought to be permitted to complete the bond at the next regular meeting, but they have had no regular meeting since that time, and will not have until next Monday hence I have had no opportunity to complete my bond since the Justice must be done before the Chairman when the Board is in session. I have been, and now am, holding myself in readiness to complete said bond whenever I shall have an opportunity which I suppose will be on next Monday, provided I have not forfeited the office by failing to complete the same on the 1st Monday in Sept last. In the event I have, you will of course proceed to appoint a Clerk for the County, &c.

Very respectfully,
Yours
Wm. A. Hayland