

The Bank of Guilford,

Greensboro, N. C., August 8 1895

To His Excellency Gov. W. W. Ruffin
Raleigh N. C.

My Dear Genl. I have

from early morning, looked as you have seen done
to secure the charter, in 1848, voting for its charter alone
of my delegation - then to get the stock subscribers to secure
the charter then mortgaged all the property I was worth
with a few other good men, to raise money to have bond to
work out, the contract on look & etc etc I am sure
no one has done more for our RR than in the way of time labor
and money in the state in or out of the R.R. in proportion
to his means and ability than I have. I have always been
opposed to the state controlling any thing in the way of a
corporation - but favored the first loan of it could be
made a part. At the time the matter was
pending was used by a person named manager
of the R.R. reading in the paper that he had
brought all things - and as he was alone he requested
me to copy him I did so and the way he told me
that the loan would soon be drawn up and
he wanted me to examine it closely and he would give

a few for my services of \$500, as I expected that
I would render, but the services for making
that I did not think my ability as a lawyer
was worth so much, & for a better sum. But
I expected you have great influence and in that
way I could greatly benefit the road, by securing
the loan - I replied I did not think every second
in that way for such sums - was not to be looked
on as a fee for legal services, but rather as
a bribe - then came the reply you were
more concerned than - some of our other
other leading lawyers on the state and in fact
on in belief up as high as Chancellor - all
of whom he could not send or similar fee
for similar sums - and as I was informed all
of this was Democ - But this I wish you to
keep in mind as it would do no good to make
the matter public especially as all are so desirous
of it - But my object in writing was to say
to you that I am decidedly in favor of leaving the
sums and for the more that can be had for it
and for 9 years & longer in thought lines - experience
shows every where, that this is the proper course
to pursue I could think from it by many examples and
under small parts - I have no interest in the road only
as a citizen of the state & had made the Democ express
of Mr Smith, when he tried to get the RR to take the RR
from the state to the state - the state would have made
a large sum at that time from the RR, and do have your D. & P. paid here