

March 26th. 1896.

Hon. Thos. M. Holt,

Haw River, N.C.,

Dear Governor:-

I beg pardon in the beginning for even suggesting business to you , but there is a small matter in connection with the suit of Herman R. Baltzer vs the State of North Carolina in relation to attorney fees upon which I desire some information.

I am informed that you employed Messrs Busbee & Busbee as attorneys in this case, that firm being dissolved some years since Judge Shepherd becoming a partner with Mr. C.M. Busbee was associated with him and together represented the State in the case before the U. S. Supreme Court, and were successful in winning the suit.

Will you kindly inform me if you had an agreement with Messrs Busbee & Busbee as to what fees they should receive, and if not what in your opinion would be a proper fee in this case. I dislike to trouble you or to give you any unnecessary thought about business , but this matter requires settlement and I desire to know your views before taking action.

Trusting you will be soon restored to health and we may see you in in Raleigh again in your accustomed vigor , I am, with highest consideration and regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Elihu Holt*

Governor,

Please consider this confidential.