

March 28th. 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. G.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,

Wm. B. Holt

Governor,

Please consider this confidential.