

stood, and my own conduct and motives properly appreciated, more especially as attempts have been made to prejudice the case by the unfounded assertion that it might involve the State in the expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars, while in truth the whole sum in controversy, including the salaries of the Judges, does not exceed, nor even equal two thousand dollars. I beg that you will submit this communication to the House of Delegates.

I am, with great respect,

Your ob't servant,

PHILIP F. THOMAS.