

Indeed, had I continued in Office I should have felt bound to entertain such an application notwithstanding the signing of the death Warrant - In all, then, that I have written, my purpose has been, not to prevent your interposition in the case, but to inform you of all the facts and circumstances upon which I acted, for the double purpose of protecting myself, from misconceptions and of guarding you against imposition - If there is good reason for saving Grinnard from an ignominious death, in God's name let it be saved -

I must, before closing this very long letter, return you my thanks for your kind invitation to Mr. Love's ball and assure you that I greatly regret that it was not in my power to be present on the occasion - Present my regards to Mrs. L and believe me,

Very Sincerely & Truly Your friend
Philip F. Thomas

His Excellency
E. Louis Love

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New Orleans Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1857 ~

The Hon. Thomas H. O'Neal  
Secretary of State for the State of Maryland.  
Sir,

On Yesterday evening the trial of the case of the States of Louisiana & Maryland vs the Executors of John M. Donogh and the City of New Orleans, after occupying the whole week, was concluded - There will not probably be a decision in the case for some eight or ten days. Estate.

The counsel for the Plaintiffs are more than satisfied with the manner in which the case has been presented to the Court; and were never more confident in any case of success.

We think the case will be tried in the Supreme Court in May, but it will not probably be decided before the next Winter.

The City of Baltimore is not a party to the suit, but this will not prevent the State of Maryland from recovering from the Executors.

Very Respectfully Yours &c  
Elmore & King  
Attys at Law.