

I concur with Mr. M. in the inexpediency of trying at such a time as this a case of this character, and whilst I believe that practically considered there may be little necessity for a decision of the principles which the case involves, I should nevertheless not feel justified without the concurrence of our Legislature in abandoning the prosecution of the Appeal; and shall feel obliged, if Mr. Meredith's health prevents his attention to it, to appoint other Counsel — In the mean time however, would it not be as good a disposition as we could make of the case, to suffer it to be continued; if you agree with me that it would, please furnish me at your earliest convenience your consent to that effect, to be used before the Court as Mr. Meredith suggests —

Such a suspension of the trial, may possibly besides the other reasons suggested, enable our respective States to make hereafter some amicable adjustment of the case.

I have the honor to be
Yours most respectfully
A. W. Bradford

Register of Wills office
Baltimore Nov. 17th 1863

His Excellency

Governor Bradford,

Dear Sir:

I send by Mr. B. Hill Esq. a petition which I propose to file immediately in the Orphans Court for Baltimore City.

The petition fully explains the case, the amount involved, is about sixteen hundred dollars.

I addressed a letter to S. S. Maffit Esq. Comptroller, on the 12th Inst. asking direction concerning the case, and suggesting that he should confer with you on the subject, if convenient to him.

Thus far, I have received no answer from Mr. Maffit, he may have been absent or indisposed.

The Attorney representing Mr. Owings, was in Court this morning, and wishes the case decided by the present Court, before a change of Judges occurs, which I suppose, will take place after 30th inst.

I think it probable a good Attorney could be procured for One hundred dollars.

If you think, from the statements of the case, that the interests of the State of Maryland require an Attorney, please take the necessary steps to furnish me with Counsel.

Respectfully,

Isaac P. Cook

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for Baltimore City