

Baltimore April 8th 1837

Myd^r Sir

I propose starting to New York on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning to take charge of the case of John Lee Esq and Joseph Pett as directed by the Legislature at its last session. It will of course be necessary to retain a constant Counsel in New York for the Court of that State and I shall be compelled to incur other expenses the amount of which I cannot exactly predict. You will therefore at once see the propriety of my asking to be put in the possession of funds to meet all contingencies. I shall therefore take the liberty of making to you an application, of drawing a draft on the Treasurer subject to your approval for five hundred dollars, the amount to be accounted for upon my return or at any future date of the case as you may desire, or if it be equally agreeable to you, send me your order on the Treasurer for the sum named or for such other amount as you may in your discretion think proper.

Mr Lee informed me this morning that he intended visiting you tomorrow in relation to the case. I think it would be advisable that he should be in New York at the commencement of the case, as the appeal is to be prosecuted in his name, and as his presence might be necessary, of this matter however you can judge as well as myself. Will you be kind enough to let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

your obt servant
(Signed) George R. Richardson

To His Excellency
Philip H. Thomas

Note: A draft, on the Treasury for \$500, drawn in favor of Mr. George R. Richardson by the Governor, was put in the mails by the messenger on the evening of the 9th of April 1837 directed to Mr. Richardson agreeably to the request contained in the foregoing letter. On the 10th of April 1837 Mr. Lee visited the Governor, and by him the Governor sent a letter to Mr. Richardson in which he said that if he (Mr. Richardson) thought it necessary that Mr. Lee should be present in New York with him, Mr. Lee's necessary expenses should be paid. A copy of that letter was not retained.

John Nick Watkins
Secy of State

Balto April 11th 1837

Myd^r Sir

I received your letter by Mr. Lee, and also the draft through Mr. Watkins on the Treasurer for five hundred dollars. I consider Mr. Lee's presence in New York necessary, indeed it is indispensable, because he tells me that the suit shall not go on in his name unless he is there. I enclose you his note to me in which he mentions three hundred dollars as a fair claim for expenses &c. He will remain