

here, and will you let him hear from you, addressed to Baltimore immediately.
I am going on today.

Your obt. servant
Signed Geo. R. Richardson

P.S. If you agree, enclose a draft to him,
(signed) G. R. R.

To his Excellency,
B. F. Thomas!

The following is the letter of Mr. Lee referred to in the
foregoing:

April 11. 1850

Sir:

In consideration of actual disbursement of money in necessary expenses,
the value of time, & my responsibility in this transaction I take leave to say that
I shall require at least three hundred dollars to be advanced to me before
I proceed to New York to institute proceedings in my name for the reversal
of the decision of Judge Edwards in the case of my slave Geo. Bell.

Yr. Obed. Servt.
(signed) A. Lee

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State Department
Annapolis Md
April 15th 1850

Dear Sir

I have not had an earlier opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th instant which reached me on the succeeding day. In
my letter to you of the 10th instant, I stated that if in your judgment Mr. Lee's presence
in New York was necessary for the prosecution of the appeal under the resolutions of the
Legislature, from the decision of Judge Edwards in the case of the Negro Slave George
Bell, the expense attendant upon his visit should be paid by the State. This, I
supposed, would be considered quite sufficient and all that could be reasonably
demanded.

I am now informed by your letter of the 11th instant that Mr. Lee not
only refuses to allow his name to be used in the prosecution of the appeal unless
he himself is present in New York but that he declines to go on unless furnished
in advance by the State with the sum of three hundred dollars.

Independently of the humiliating position in which the State of
Maryland would be placed by consenting to the dictation of terms by Mr. Lee
I consider the demand itself exorbitant and one with which I would
not be justified in complying. I must therefore respectfully
decline to furnish a draft for the sum demanded, and if Mr. Lee will
not allow the appeal to proceed on any other terms he must take
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