

I cannot well see however how  
the three creditors named by you  
can be the only parties interested in  
the subject of this appeal, or why it is  
that the other creditors of the common  
debtor <sup>or that debtor himself</sup> are not also interested. Still the  
fact may be so, & the counsel for the appel-  
lants can so doubt readily explain that  
matter. The creditors by coming in to  
prove their claims & having them re-  
ported & litigating among themselves, have  
made themselves, in effect, parties to the  
suit & are competent appellants & ap-  
pellees.

I will send you with Judge  
Bouldin's name who allowed the  
appeal, & also recollection of the record  
may enable him to say whether any  
other persons than the three you name  
are interested in the subject of the appeal.  
I will suspend my letter at this point until  
I can inform you of his answer.

Jan'y 13<sup>th</sup>. I have seen Judge Bouldin  
today & shown him your letter. He does  
not recollect the record sufficiently to  
say whether the three named parties are  
interested in the subject of the appeal  
but that other parties are in-  
terested besides the three named

Richmond

John Paris Esq  
Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dear Sir

I received to day your  
letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. While there  
are no doubt many cases, in which  
appeals are taken from decrees which  
concern only a few of many parties  
to a suit, & in which it occasions un-  
necessary expense & delay to summon  
parties having no interest in the  
subject of the appeal: it is yet dif-  
ficult for the Clerk to ascertain  
what parties are interested, & the  
only course which he can, generally,  
pursue, is to summon all the parties  
as appellees who are not appellants.  
Generally it is proper to pursue that  
course, for generally all the parties  
to the suit are interested in the  
appeal. I think however that if  
the counsel for the appellants should

inform the clerk that certain parties only are interested in the appeal & expressly request him to issue a summons against those parties only as appellees, it would be proper to comply with such request - especially where the parties to the suit are numerous. The appellant would pursue this course at his own risk, and the Court would order other parties to be summoned who might appear to be interested in the appeal. It would be proper for the <sup>clerk</sup> in such a case to inform the Court as to what of the parties had been summoned & which not.

I read your letter to W. Christian our clerk here & I enquired whether he ever issued process only against a portion of the parties to the suit on the ground that the rest were not interested. He said he never did;

but that he seldom had any difficulty in regard to the number of parties, as on appearances generally entered by some counsel for all the appellees & then he considered the case ready as to all the parties, without having process executed upon <sup>any</sup> who had not been served with process prior to their appearance. Still there must be cases in which counsel employed by some of the appellees would not enter a general appearance for all. I made the same suggestion to him which I have made to you, in regard to complying with any special direction which the counsel for the appellant might give to issue process only against certain parties - as appellees upon the ground that they only & the appellants are the only parties interested in the appeal. He thinks the suggestion of good effect.

by you, & that all those who are  
interested or may be affected by  
the decree of the Court of appeals  
ought to be made parties to the  
appeal. He suggests that you  
had better look at the Record,  
& especially the account settled  
in the case, & you can no doubt  
form a correct idea as to the  
parties who ought to be sum-  
moned. - I am not aware that  
I can make any <sup>other</sup> ~~valuable~~ suggestion  
to you which may be of any  
service, not having seen the  
Record. - I regret that I am able  
to afford you so little aid in  
answer to your enquiries, & am

Very truly yours

Robt. L. Moore



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\$2,294.<sup>00</sup>

Commonwealth of Virginia,

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Richmond, Va.,

Oct. 16, 1875

Received of

John Paris,

Clerk of the

Supreme Court of Appeals at Staunton, County, the Treasurer's receipt for  
Twenty-two hundred and ninety-four Dollars, <sup>00</sup> Cents,  
*Printed Records*  
on account of the ~~Taxes on Law Process, &c.~~, from the 1st Sept, 1874, to the 1st  
Sept, 1875.

William R. Smith, ck.



John Paris, Esq.,  
Clerk,  
Staunton,  
Va.

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Commonwealth of Virginia,

Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts,

Richmond, Va. July 12, 1876.

Received of John Paris Clerk of the  
Supreme Court of Appeals at Richmond the Treasurer's receipt for  
One thousand Dollars and Cents,

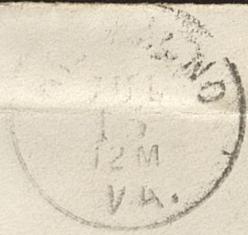
on account of the <sup>Printed Record</sup> ~~Taxes on Law Process, &c.~~, from the 1st of September, 1875, to the 1st  
<sup>24th June</sup> ~~September~~, 1876.

William P. Smith, clerk.

Commonwealth of Virginia



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