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Dear Mr. Attorney, A. G. Magrath,
Governor.

Not having the original of the Det. Atty. of the Det. over which you lately presided as C. S. Det. Judge, I took the liberty of addressing you, to obtain some information as to a decision said to have been made by you as Det. Judge, and which has been referred to as authority in a case now pending in Det. Court for this District.

It is as to right of appeal to Supreme Court of C. S. at the present time from final decree in Det. Court.

A very important case has just been decided in the Det. Court here favorably to the Government, involving the right of the Government to take void bond when under the superfluous laws, and the parties have asked an appeal to Supreme Court.

It granted with supersedeas, there being no Supreme Court, it nullifies in effect the preparatory law, and will operate very adversely to the Government.

The great importance of the subject will I hope be a sufficient apology to you for my troubling you. I would be greatly obliged by your informing me whether the question has been before you & how decided.

I am with great respect your obedient servant,
C. L. Wood, Secretary, Dep. Atty.

C. C. Young
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To

His Excellency A. S. Magrath

Governor
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