

Middlebury Nov 27 1845

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th has been received, requesting that I would send you the original papers in the cases of 1843, reported by me, and not embraced in the 15th Volume. The whole of the papers in those cases are in a confused condition, being mixed with the papers in the other cases reported by me, and none of them being tied in bundles by Countess; and what makes their condition worse is, that, during my absence, they were moved by one of my sons from the place where I left them, and thrown into worse confusion.

But this is not perhaps the worst of it. In making out the reports, and preparing for the press, the papers were much mutilated, so that they could not be sent to you in a very good condition to use for the purpose of reporting.

In this state of the case, I have concluded to send you my reports of the cases, as printed by Goodrich, for insertion in your volume. They are not probably reported, as well as you would report them; but you can, if you choose, indicate, in some way, in the volume, that they were reported by me but not included in the 15th volume, on account of its size. This would throw the responsibility of any failure in regard to correctness onto me, in some of these cases the reports were prepared by Calkin, in the first instance; but - I suffered not one of his reports to go to the printer without a careful

revision. Some of them I made over, and all of them I altered. If I have committed any error in reporting the cases it is that in perhaps two or three of them I have not struck out enough from the briefs of the lawyers.

I send, herewith, the cases referred to, in the form in which Goodrich printed them, with the expectation of making them a part of the ^{third} next volume.

There are three cases - Chancery cases I think - which I reported with some care, which are in the hands of Goodrich, and which I will endeavor to get and send you. They are of the Windsor Adjourned - term; and if I remember right, one of the opinions in the cases of that term which I sent you, refers to an opinion in one of the cases in Goodrich's hands reported by me, in such a way as to make it indispensable that the latter should precede the former in the book.

I hope to get the three cases from Goodrich soon

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
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Secretary to the State, 1845