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June 12, 2020

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Re: *William C. Gregory v. Governor Ralph S. Northam, et al.*
Case No.: CL120-2441-5

Dear General Herring:

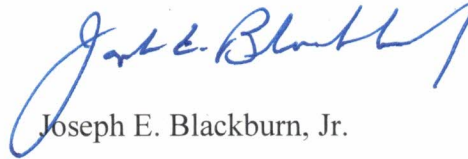
A rumor is circulating in Richmond that an 18-wheel truck is coming to the Lee Monument for the purpose of pulling it down. Article V Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and Virginia law require your client, Governor Ralph S. Northam, to enforce the execution of the laws. Both you and he took an oath of office called for in Article II Section 7 of the Constitution to faithfully and impartially discharge all of the duties of the offices held by each of you.

I call upon you and the governor to protect that monument, not only pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of Virginia, but pursuant to the injunction entered by the court. With the current state of affairs in the City of Richmond, it is incumbent upon the governor to call out the state police and such other force as is necessary to protect that monument until the court can rule on the merits of the pending case. Please have your client immediately take all efforts to protect the monument.

I also call your attention to Section IVAC30-150-20 of the Virginia Administrative Code. All seven requirements of that code are being violated without any attempt of state enforcement of the act. In the event the monument is not protected by the state police and any other necessary force and is pulled down by any persons, we will deem your client's acquiescence in such actions as a violation of the existing injunction.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Blackburn, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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