

To Honrs. J. C. C. Black, Patrick Walsh
and Walter H. Clark.

Gentlemen,

The Petition of
the Augusta Medical and Library
Association Respectfully shews, that at
a late Meeting of said Association it
was resolved unanimously, to Memorialize
the General Assembly of the State
New in session, setting forth their wants,
and to ask for such relief as the nature
of the same would warrant, under the follow-
ing statement of facts.

That as members of the Medical Profession
in this city they are frequently called
upon to make post Mortem Examinations
in Judicial investigations and are Com-
pelled to attend the sessions of the various
Courts to testify as Experts in Criminal
Cases on trial. That ~~the~~ the performance
of these duties oftentimes difficult and
laborious, involves not only the consump-
tion of much valuable time, but in most
cases, serious pecuniary loss and sacrifice.

That while they cheerfully recognize
the paramount obligation due to obedi-
ance to law, and are willing to con-
tribute their time and professional skill
in all matters promotive of the public
weal, they respectfully suggest that
it would only be equitable and just
that a adequate Compensation should

be provided them for such service
as the General Assembly in their
wisdom shall direct, and which
would be commensurate with the same,
in the loss of valuable time and the
exercise of their skill under circum-
stances heretofore enumerated.

We therefore have the honor to request
you as our immediate Representatives
to take steps to secure if possible the
enactment of a law during the
present session, suitable to the
emergencies presented, or take such other
course as to your superior wisdom
as will secure the accomplishment
of the end desired.