Ho Rep Jan 19th

Dr General

I understand that you are in Annapolis, and having heard it suggested that my name would probably be used as a director on the part of the State for the E S R Road I must ask the favour of you to inform the Gov (provided it should be proposed) that I do not wish the appointment, as there are reasons growing out of my present situation which lead me not to desire the appointment and which would forbid its acceptance.

My friend S. F. C. Jones or better A. E. Jones would much better be substituted

We have had a very able argument from M [illegible] tip of Mississippi for the