

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND

WILLIAM C. GREGORY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 20-2441-5

RALPH S. NORTHAM,
in his official capacity as Governor of Virginia,
Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219,

JOSEPH F. DAMICO,
in his official capacity as Director, Virginia Department of General Services,
1100 Bank Street, Suite 420
Richmond VA 23219

Defendants.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION ORDER

This cause came on June 8, 2020, to be heard upon the verified complaint of Plaintiff for a temporary injunction; upon the appearance of Plaintiff by counsel, and was argued by counsel.

Upon further consideration whereof, and applying the legal standards set forth in Sections 8.01-620 and 8.01-622 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Court finds as follows with respect to the statue of Robert E. Lee situated on Monument Avenue in the City of Richmond.

1. That the Commonwealth of Virginia is a party to a deed recorded in the Clerk's Office of Henrico Circuit Court in March 1890 whereby the Commonwealth accepted the conveyance and guaranteed to hold ^{said} statue and pedestal and ^{circle of} ground perpetually sacred to the monumental purpose and to faithfully guard it and affectionately protect it.

2. That plaintiff is likely to prevail on his claim as to the applicability of said statutes to the Robert E. Lee statue. ^{A citizen of the Commonwealth and is}

3. That there is a likelihood of irreparable harm to the statue if removed as proposed by Defendants.

4. That it is in the public interest to await resolution of this case on the merits prior to removal of the statue by Defendants, and the public interest weighs in favor of maintaining the *status quo*.

5. That little harm will be suffered by Defendants by the issuance of a temporary injunction.

The Court does therefore ADJUDGE, ORDER and DECREE that Defendants, and each of them, are hereby enjoined from removing or selling the statue of Robert

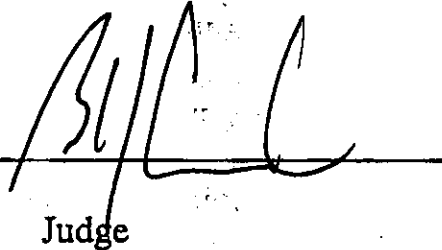
statue of Robert E. Lee located at the circle at Monument Avenue and Allen Avenue in the City of Richmond, Virginia, for a period of ^{10 days} ~~six (6) months~~ from June 8, 2020, and to this extent the motion of Plaintiff for a temporary injunction is granted.

The Court does further ORDER that either Plaintiff or Defendants may seek further injunctive or other relief while this cause is pending, and the Court reserves the right to review and to modify, as required, the rulings set forth herein at any time upon its own motion or upon the motion of any party.

It further appearing to the Court pursuant to Section 8.01-631 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that given the circumstances of this case it is unnecessary for Plaintiff to post an injunction bond, the Court does ORDER that an injunction bond be, and hereby is, dispensed with.

And this case is continued.

ENTER:


Judge

DATE:

6-8-2020

I ask for this



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