January 5, 1938.

My dear Mr. President:

Having reached the age of more than seventy-five years, and having held my commission as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and served in that court, for fifteen years, and thus being eligible for retirement under the Sumners Act of March 1, 1937, entitled "An Act to Provide for Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Court", I desire to avail myself of the rights, privileges and judicial service specified in that act; and to that end I hereby retire from regular active service on the bench, this retirement to be effective on and after Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 1938.

Very respectfully yours,

The President.