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Your letter of the 4th did not reach me until last week and after a diligent search among my papers I can find but a copy of which you speak, so that the mistake is not, for I do not recollect a single case that I ever joined sureties, or in any case the former had any thing to do with the exclusive of the administration bond with N.G. and the latter was only co-security with James H Hartley in Powers case, the latter of the sureties certainly amounted to more than his part there why I gave them an assignment in preference to your claim? And I cannot help hoping that you will recognise the same paper which you allude to hoping I may in my possession as I have not or we had any other from the parties mentioned, in the multitude of transactions relating to my unfortunate situation that I may have and it is probable for want of judgment but not wilfully, it was always my wish that the parties should be secured as far as the means would justify, if in the instrument a copy of which I send you I have done wrong or misconstrued it meaning I am sorry for it, for it was the intention of the drawer of it that your claim should be first satisfied, this are all the explanations that I in my power to give at present and hope & trust they may be satisfactory

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