to Mr Cummins on the subject, but what he recollects to have heard from Bramble does not help us – I shall certainly make him swear to the accounts – if he will do so I suppose it will be best to compromise if we can – The proposal was to take half his claim and to take his note in part payment, but when we came to discuss it, we found that half of his whole claim was meant viz $860.87 – being the amount of his bill and of his claim for the salary – I shewed his receipt for $171.47 on account of his bills, but they refused to strike off this sum from the demand – If he will strike it off I fear it will be best to compromise, for I have no testimony against his contract – he says it is a vexatious business –

Yours with great respect

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