Smithville Jan. 10th 1848.

Dr. Hall

Dear Sir

Enclosed, you will please receive the Notes of [Robt W Kent endorser] O'Harra, & Mr. H Spicknell. Mr. Kent is dead, & Thos. G Pratt Esq. was his Administrator. I called on Mr. Pat Annapolis, & learned from him, that the estate was settled up 3 years ago, & that it could not be paid, as well for that reason, as the fact that Mr. Kent was only the endorser. He regretted notwithstanding, that the Society had lost the money, and encouraged me with the hope, that in view of the loss, the heirs would subscribe me a new donation themselves. I have not, as yet, been able to see them. Spicknell's case is a very peculiar one. He explains it thus. Mr. Kennard called on him and told him "Owens had failed, & that he wanted the note provided for. Said Mr. Spicknell, "I will give you a new order on Batte and Lowe for $13" which he did, at the same time receiving a receipt from Kennard. The note was paid by B & L to K & debited against Mr Spicknell in their account of sales, & there, the matter was at an end. So thought Spicknell. A few years after, old Mr Roberts came along & said "you gave a note on Owens which was not paid." Spicknell

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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