fault is to pay for the wood. The material if sold might bring $20, and I shall advise Dr Fletcher to dispose of it. Beg to call your especial attention, to the long list which Mr Gibson will render of outstanding accounts. — First, the Amounts due for building houses; many of these persons have not yet rec'd deeds for their lands, because of indebtedness to the Society. In some cases, it would be a Charity in the Society to throw up the claim, & let these persons, or their heirs obtain deeds; in other cases, the parties owing, having just claim enough on their land to prevent its being drawn by any one else, will neither occupy it or pay their indebtedness. If these bills, were all given up by the Society, it would render it more difficult, for new comers, should there ever be any, to obtain desirable locations. — The list of bills receivable, is a long one, but having examined it throughout, I find that most of the parties, that gave the notes are dead, & that scarce any of them left the means to pay the Notes, — Mr Dennis, Mr Gross, Mr Fuller Mr Drayton, Dembo's Estate & a very few others, are in position to pay, but not immediately or without grumbling. I induced Mr Dennis to secure his note by giving four smaller ones, the one having longest to run being due in 12 months from to day, but I found it advisable to encourage him, with a hope, that having paid half the notes, the other half would be given up. — I was surprised to find Dr Fletcher's indebtedness so great, & not less so to see the heavy bill of over $200 reaching back to 1855 which he brought to off-set it, in part. If the bill was a fair one, it should have been credited to him before, if not, the Agt should have settled it with him, in some manner long ago. —— I thought it best, all things considered, to advise its acceptance. Finding that Mr Gibson, felt himself entitled to wages from Jan'y 1st up to date of discharge — Dr Fletcher, also expressed an intention of applying for wages during that period and I accordingly closed with him unknown to Mr Gibson, by giving up his old note of over $300 — given in the time of Mr Trout's Secretaryship, & took his receipt for amount due for services from Jan'y 1st /62 to Oct. 1st /62 —— The Dr promises, & will no doubt pay to Mr Thompson the amount of his note last given, I would respectfully recommend, the closing of all the outstanding accounts of the Society, either by giving out-right, or by effecting the same upon $50 on the first note which Dr F. will credit for —

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A. Letter Books

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