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[Letter from J.G. Hickman to Henrietta Bruce Green, 1879]

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Dear Cousin Retta [Henrietta].

Your letter, written in October, and the papers enclosed in it did reach me long ago and ought to have been answered. I have been inconsiderate of your anxiety and deserve to be blamed for this long delay in replying; and beg your pardon. I, however, have not neglected your business, though I have been unsuccessful in my efforts to make collections. There are three notes, you know; to be collected - One on Mr Dinswilt; one on Mr George and one on Col. [Colonel] Marshall - the last named one owing only a small balance.

I have damned them all!, but thus far have only gotten promises. Mr Dinwilt has told me, several times, that he would pay very soon; and Mr. Wood's promises have been very similar. Since receiving your last letter a few days ago I have been trying before I wrote to see these gentlemen again to notify them of your wish and anxiety to collect; but I have not met them. There has been us count [sic] at which I could one [won?] and only failed to make these collections, because no

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I am writing at my office or there would be messages of affection to you from all at home.

We are all as well as usual. Dear Old Aunty still holds out and is right well yet. She is nearly ninety years old

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effort, that I could make, enabled me to get the money.

Besides the three notes named, there was a claim on a Mr. Browning, who brake up, and from whom there seemed to be small prospect of collecting anything; but his Trustee recently made his settlement and he paid me \$27.00 I send you a check for this sum. Will you please sign and return me the enclosed receipt for it. Mr Browning's

Trustee will pay no more.

In one of your letters you ask about the Owens and Lashbrooke note. The Owens note had Mr Claybrook's name on it. This was the large note on which I collected a balance from Mr Mitchell. Dick collected the most of it here. I explained all about this note to your father. It was a large note on which I collected a balance from Mr Mitchell and paid nearly the whole of it to Dick, himself; and Mr Mitchell afterwards sent his own check through me to Dick to pay the balance, 1500\$ - except \$25 65 which he paid me. Dick and I settled all this. John R Lashbrooke is the surety on the Dinwilt note. There is no other note on any one by the name of Lashbrooke. Really the three notes, named in the first part of the letter, are the only ones left. If, however, there is anything, which is not explained by Dick's books and papers, I will try to explain it to you.

Again, I beg your pardon for any apparent want of concern about your interests: and will always cheerfully render any aid, which I can, in promoting the welfare of yourself and your dear little girl. My respects to your father & mother.

Very truly & affectionately yours

J G Hickman