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[letter from J.G. Hickman to Richard Lashbrook Green, 1878]

Maysville ky [Kentucky] march 20-1878 [March 20, 1878]

Dear Dick

Mr L M mitchell paid me to-day [today] the balance of your note.

The note, you know, was for	\$5000.00
On feby 20th [February 20, 1878] I sent his check for	\$3500.00
And to-day [today] his check for	\$1500.00
I retained	\$25.65

The interest rate was at 8 per cent [percent] per annum. A calculation will show, that there amounts are in full of principal and interest: and I surrendered the note. I got out the note against Dimvilt [sic] on yesterday to sue on it and commenced the petition: but found it was given to you Ma: and a suit cannot be sustained on it except in the name of her administrator and there is no administrator. I saw Mr. Dimvilt [sic] to-day [today] and he promises well - says he has sold his tobacco + and will pay me soon. If he does not, your uncle john, whom I saw to-day [today], and to whom I mentioned the trouble about this note, must administer and I can then sue in his name. The note is good and I am sorry for the fix it is in.

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Your Uncle John and I were wandering [wondering] and guessing what you were doing or meant to do with all the money you were carrying to the West. Our vote is for an investment in land. If you will buy a good big, well improved farm in a rich region near where you are - you are safe for an abundance through all the future. If you can't make much year by year - your land will become more and more valuable and there is a fortune in the advance simply of the price of the land. In everything else in the shape of business - there is risk and danger. Tell cousin Retta [Henrietta] of our opinion and tell her to give the same vote. Think of this, Dick, and make the future certain and secure. My regards to your wife and all at the Mr. Bruce's. Very truly yours J.G. Hickman.

Please sign and return the enclosed recpt. [receipt]

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