Cambridge 22. Jany. 1831.

Dr. Sir.

I send you a Copy of a Bond with a Copy the Authority given by Mr. Simon P. Gray to Maj. Thos. Livingston to Execute for him.

I am told Mr. Gray is in your neighborhood & can be made Responsible - if so I hope you will cause him to close the case - using in the first ~~the~~ instance Gentle means. & if unavailing any that may may be found necessary.

I hope I understand that Mr. Brannen gave a mortgage of three negroes to secure the payment of the Debt, which came into the hands of Mr. Gray who obtained possession of two, if not all, of them. and by that means was completely indemnified in the full amount of the debt. Livingston & Downey had the whole amount to pay to Duncan. and Encd. perhaps five hundred dollars from Gray. there is near a thousand dollars now due by Gray - If there should be any difficulty about Grays liability. we can establish acknowledgements of his liability in the year 1829. If he should be considered irresponsible please let us know

Address me at this place yr. Sr. John C. McGehee

P. S.

If you consider the case recoverable & the man responsible you may commence proceedings immediately & I will send you the necessary testimony. – The original Bond – evidence of payment &c.

M. Geha.

Copy Bond

The State of South Carolina,

Know all men by these presents that we James E. Brannen Simon P. Gray Thomas Livingston and John Downey are held and firmly bound unto Patrick Duncan of Charleston in the sum and just sum of two thousand three hundred and Eighty six dollars to be paid to the said Duncan &c. Dated the first of January 1822. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bound James E. Brannen Simon P. Gray Thomas Livingston and John Downey or one of them their or one of their Heirs Executors or Administrators shall and do truly pay or cause or cause to be paid unto the above Bound mentioned Patrick Duncan his certain attorney Executors or Administrators or assigns the sum and just sum of one thousand one hundred and ninety dollars with Lawful Interest from the date, all the Interest due on the first day of January next to be paid on that day – and then annually on the 1st day of January each & every year thereafter, and the principal in three Equal annual Installments. the first Installment to be paid on the first day of January next – the second on the first day of January then next and the third on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twenty five – without delay &c – ordinary conclusion

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