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Dear Sir

In looking through the papers of the late Wm Taylor Teague I find a paper containing a memo - of a conversation - had with you in your office relative to removing off Johnston for the clock. Johnston appears to have been in town at the time, and to have offered you little, allowing you something less than you claimed as lost. You sent for me to consult about it, when I told you to do as you liked in the matter, only to recollect that I had no privity of Taylor, and would not hold myself personally liable for any thing on his account, - adding that if I had any privity of the estate in any privity, I did not think the creditors would allow me to stand it in a Law Suit. You begged the hands of submitting to take every thing less than your claim from Johnston and said, "that you knew there was plenty of privity of his within your reach to cover the whole, by waiting till it could be got in course of Law, and you said further that if I allowed you to take this course, you would not hold me personally liable for any thing." I then came away having you to take your course, and never



considered that I had any thing  
more to do with it, but to look  
to you for the value of the clock  
and the money to be returned when  
I advanced to you. — I am quite  
sure you can not have forgot the  
conversation reference to, and not  
withstanding that I attended the sale  
and bid the sum in which I ad-  
mit I should have left you to do  
I am well satisfied that you will  
consult your own interest in  
adhering to the substance of the con-  
ference to, and get Mr. Hewitt  
to make the deed out in your  
name, you returning me the money  
you borrowed and such part  
of the value of the clock as you  
consider the creditors are legally  
entitled to. You know me I  
think too well to suppose for a mo-  
ment that I would have assumed  
the responsibility of three or four  
lawsuits for the paltry sum of  
£5 and that not on my own <sup>or my own benefit</sup> account.

You are perfectly aware that  
I knew nothing of more than  
lawsuit, up to the day of sale,  
when you took me for the first time  
you may perhaps have got a legal  
hold of me, by my attending the sale  
and purchasing for you — but you may be  
allowed to remark that if I am  
brought into law in this way it will  
not be any ultimate gain to you.  
yours  
John Dawson