

Bee Knan Town March 31st 1848

To Daniel S Haught
Mr Am Depeyster &
Cornelia Hammond
Wife of Clark Hammond }

as Counsel of Stephen

D Bee Knan Executor of Gerard S Beckman
dec^d. I am charged with the duty of
explaining to you the claims he has
upon the Estate Real & Personal of
the late Mrs Cora Beckman dec^d.
Early in September last the claim
was made to Mr Bayles the Executor
& subsequently a reference agreed
upon to St Ogden Irving James Knowlton
and Mr Kinyon. They met early in
February last & have been taking
Testimony & Examining the accounts
& claims on both sides for several
days. & the case comes on again on
the 10th of April next & will be closed
during that month. Enough however
was ascertained to make it certain
that a large balance will be found
due, (of Mrs Cora Beckmans Receipts
as Executor of her late Husband
over all her payments & charges)
to Stephen D Bee Knan as Executor
& it will be such sum as will
probably very nearly if not quite
absorb all the Estate Real and
Personal of Mrs B. at her death.
Under such circumstances Dr Bee
Beckmans duty as Executor to prevent
the payment to the Opposes of any

Real Estate of the Mortgage of Samuel
S. Houghton to Ann Depeyster Stephen
D. Beckman & Co Ann H. Houghton
for 6000 with interest Dated Aug
9th 1847 and one May 1848
given to secure a part of the
purchase money of some
of Mrs B's Estate conveyed to him
by their father's Deeds. The laws
of this State secure the right for
3 years after Mrs B's death of her
creditors to compel a sale of her
Real Estate to pay her debts. I have
advised Dr Beckman that this
conveyance to Mr H was premature
until we protect the lands
from a sale hereafter made
to pay Mrs B's debts a notice
has been prepared from Mr D H
forbidding the payment of that
mortgage at present & limit the
time of Indebtedness of Mrs B
Estate is ascertained & if necessary
the sum of this mortgage is
app^d to the pay of those debts
If you should prefer it the
Mortgage money could be
deposited in a safe Bank
to remain subject to the pay of Mrs B
debts if necessary & therefore must
require you not to attempt to pay
receive or collect that mortgage money
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course is adopted to avoid litigation
& expense in Court by Mr Depeyster I do not
regard Mrs H's title as of any value let Mrs
Beckman pay 3 years time as of course
decide the whole matter can be ascertained
by the Court