

opinion, my simply answering on good faith  
his question, certainly was no fraud and  
I did not make me responsible for either  
title or value.

4 - I tried to aid him to recover the land  
& my deposition was taken & I also informed  
his Attorney that he could prove the  
important fact that Hamilton, G. M.  
When son in law <sup>See letter of W. W. Trimble, Esq. filed here with</sup> by Mr. Amos Miller, Seizer informed me  
that his lawyer took a nonsuit ~~and~~  
~~the suit~~ against G. W. Mathews & that the  
case was never tried on its merits.

5 - After the suit of Seizer vs G. M. Mathews  
went off the docket by act of Seizer's Attorney,  
Seizer wanted me to take the purchase off  
his hands & sue back George myself.  
This I declined for obvious reasons. Seizer  
then ~~insisted~~ I was bound in honor to do  
so. I did not think I was, as it was  
his speculation in which I had <sup>no</sup> <sup>whatsoever</sup> <sup>by him</sup>  
interest or no concern & he ~~entered~~ <sup>was</sup> <sup>not</sup>  
by my advice, but really against my  
wishes, at the time of our interview before  
the sale, ~~Had the speculation~~ <sup>proved</sup>  
profitable, he would have reaped the  
benefit; as the way he managed it, it  
had turned out badly, it did not seem  
just to me that I should bear the loss.

In response to the oral & written statements  
of J. S. Seizer made through Elder R. M.  
Gano reply as follows:-

I proposed early in  
1866 to refer the claim of Seizer for alleged  
Trust fund, <sup>the name of New Orleans, &c.</sup> to disinterested Merchants and  
let Seizer select all of the referees. He  
declined & as Bro. Gano states, notwithstanding  
all claim on me for it and only refer  
to it as an introduction to claim growing  
out of his purchase of the Ky land, which  
is the one submitted for your decision.  
I wish it distinctly understood that I  
hold myself responsible to the Moral Law  
if I have according to any Law human  
or Divine wronged him out of a dollar.  
in this transaction I am willing to  
refund to the uttermost farthing.

1 - I state distinctly that I never  
advised or persuaded Seizer to buy the  
Ky land. I never knew he had any  
idea of bidding on it until about  
half an hour before the sale. - He  
first mentioned the matter to me about  
half hour before the sale & then informed  
me that he had been in correspondence  
with Perry Wherito Clerk of Harrison  
County, Ky Court & I think with another  
or other persons (Genl Gano admits that  
Seizer told him he had consulted others)