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Duffy

Sanmeris West  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 1881

Dr Dawson

Dear Sir

A few days ago, (no other way of obtaining Justice being open to me,) I called upon you, and represented the way in which the "Natural History Society" was being made the instrument of defrauding me in my claim against its care - taken Potts; at that time you kindly promised to look into the matter, and see that, if my claim was

well-founded. and if I had  
Judgment as I stated against  
Potts for the amount, you would  
see that I should get the money.  
This morning at the Commissioners  
Court, I presented the Judgment  
which I had for the amount,  
and was much surprised  
that the Society's representative  
took a complete different  
ground of escape, not fairly  
facing the self-evident proof  
before him, but stating that  
Potts paid himself out of the  
proceeds taken at the Poor,  
and that consequently, I had  
nothing to seize in the  
Society's hands;

Now by this quibble the  
Society makes itself a partner  
to the fraud of the Defendant.

a position which unless  
your kindness affords me  
its promised alternative,  
I must soon make public  
as the only way of obtaining  
my money.

I know perfectly well, that  
the man Potts would  
represent me as a villainous  
character, as he has done so  
to others, who have been tried  
to get their own from him.  
I ask you please to look  
only at the facts, and to examine  
my character from other sources  
I can give the best of references  
if required.

To show what kind of man  
this Potts is who made his  
boasts he owed no person  
in the Farmers money, I

Send you some silent proofs  
in the shape of bills from  
others whom he has swindled  
right and left. as he has me,  
I enclose you the bill of \$2.05  
I told you about, I could get  
many more bills, from other  
parties whom he owes money  
to, but thought those few sufficient.  
Please notice a Mrs. Struthers bill  
she is a widow, her sister is an  
Ellen Brown who formerly lived  
in your employ. Potts came the  
other day with \$2 on acct. I suppose  
so as she would not prosecute him,  
please return me the bills  
as soon as convenient.

And oblige

Yours Respectfully  
Mrs Wm Duffy

Formerly Mrs Redman