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New Castle January 9th 1847.
Beloved Grandfather

Your first communication came to hand on Christmas day and was perused with pleasure we were most gratified to learn of your improved health in connection with other matters of general interest. Your last bearing date Dec. 23rd 1846 came to hand on the 8th Inst from which I learned of your being admonished of the delinquency of taxes in this county. I was aware of this fact some time since. At the time you placed the ten dollars in my hands for the payment of taxes I went to Greenville for the purpose of liquidating the same when I found the percentage had been put on at that time and the tax was \$14.36.2 I wanted to pay the ten dollars but the treasurer said he did not like to receipt for a part only and that I had better defer the matter until I could pay all. as it would be no more as the percentage had already been added I then concluded to let it be until I could raise the balance. not knowing until that time ~~that~~ that the tax for 1846 had not been paid but he then informed me that the back tax must be added which made the amount \$22.96.5. I was making every effort to raise the money to pay it off at once but about that time I had some \$20.00 to pay or be pushed I trusted worked and tugged until I got that paid. and then I commenced making arrangements to pay the tax this afternoon

I succeeded in doing it but I have had my hands a little more than full. as I am a new beginner and not doing a heavy business—as it regards censure of honest conscience that I am not censurable for God—know I do the best I could. Father as he informs me and as I have since learnt is far from being censurable as he left the money with Mr. Rowley to have paid the tax for 1846 but he never done it and here is where the difficulty existed (by his negligence) James was not here and consequently I had to shoulder the whole \$13.00 (that being the deficit) which he should have at least paid his part and is perhaps more able to do it than I was for he but one consolation it is paid and I hold a receipt for the years 1846 and 1847. I paid it about 2 weeks ago. I received a letter to day from James he has been low with an inflammatory fever but is now able to set up and purposes on moving as soon as he gets stout enough brotting new here business rather dull Susan wishes to be remembered we are ^{as ever} yours with cherished feelings of respect and parental esteem

Her father's Son

James B. Crooke
write soon