

Dear Sir

Williams Port Maryland 14 April 1803.

I received yours of the 20th Ult^o. by the mail this week, and with much pleasure herewith transmit you all the information I have on the subject you mention,

A tract of land called Leeds, which contains about 160 Acres Acres, and on w^{ch} part of this Town is laid off, was purchased by my late brother of Capt. John Reed his wife who held under Colo. Crossap. His right is founded on a survey & Certificate regularly made & returned to the land office about the year 1750. a Caveat however was entered against patent issuing on a presumption that this land lay within the reserve of lands made by Lord Baltimore of all lands within three Miles of his Manors. from the frequent changes of His Lordships agents, from the inattention of Crossap and those holding under him, and from various other causes, the Caveat never was tried nor has patent yet issued on Crossaps Certificate of survey.

When Mr. Ringgolds purchased the Conococheague Manor and what was understood to be the reserve, he claimed this tract as laying within the reserve. but the order of his Lordship for reserving lands adjacent to his Manors, having been made before the Conococheague Manor was laid off or known as a Manor, a question arose as to the right of claiming lands around this manor in consequence of that order. The right was dubious and Mr. Ringgolds in order to remove all doubt, laid warrants on & surveyed all the lands then unpattented within three Miles of the Manor and included the tract called Leeds for which and all the rest included in his survey he obtained patent. Still there was doubt, so far as it related to Leeds, as Crossaps

claim was the best, if Ringgolds co? not hold it under the old order for reserving the lands. By a late decision in our General Court it has been determined that the old order for reserving lands adjoining his Lordships Manors, does not apply to, or affect the lands adjoining the Conococheague Manor, there being no such Manor at the time of making the order. This decision has destroyed Mr Ringgolds claim as under the reserve and his patent being granted upon a survey made subsequent to that made by Cresap. He no longer contends for the title on that ground, Cresap and others holding under his claim have been in possession upwards of fifty years and are about to apply for patent on the old survey.

With respect to a claim made by your father I know nothing certain, but have some recollection of Mr Ringgolds having been in treaty with your father for some claims of that kind, but whether any bargain or transfer took place I never knew. I think I understood at the time that your fathers claim was founded on a warrant laid at the mouth of the creek for a few acres to include the ferry, but whether the survey was made or Certificate returned for patent I never heard. I am disposed to think not, or if it was that Mr Ringgolds did not bargain for the claim, otherwise he would have proceeded upon it.

Any information that may be in my power to procure or furnish, you may at all times Command, and it will give me pleasure to be at any time useful to you in any way. I am with all the sincerity that ^{can} be inspired by the recollection of a friendly & fond acquaintance formed in early youth.

Your Obed. Servant
The Williams

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Isaac Shelby Esquire
Near Danville
Kentucky



Lexington 7th Sept 1803

Dear Sir

Mr^r Sully Jordan & myself have concluded not to
waite the result of an application to Mr. Spude for permission to erect
our works in the neighbourhood of the knob links but will proceed imm-
ediately to digging a well & depends upon occurrence for working upon
our improved plan — I herewith enclose an article of agreement
with our signatures annexed. you will be good enough to procure
the signatures of Mess^{rs} Warren & Ball — No term being specified
(At the time of making the bargain) for the payment of the land
we have taken the liberty of fixing it, hoping the term of payment
will answer the expectations of these gentlemen, but rather than
it should be any obstruction to our operations, we are willing that
you should fix the term of payment: but when you take under con-
sideration the expense of sinking the well, & erecting the works &c. &c.
you will conclude that the payments offered by us are not illiberal.
It is our intention to prosecute it with every exertion we are capa-
ble of for the present season, & have directed Mr. Young to remove
our tools & to be prepared to commence on Monday next. I will
thank you to furnish Mr. Young with provisions & any assistance
which he may require, Keeping an acct of the same & the amount
shall be paid when demanded — It is our intention that the article
of agreement shall remain in your hands until the bargain

be canals. I wish that the Deer limits could be extended so as to include one or more of the lakes. Should we fail in the flat lands we would make an experiment in the large lick -

I am Dear Sir, with great respect & esteem

Your Obed^t Serv^t

C. M. Johnson

Isaac Shelby Esq^r

Warren H. Ball, agent,
with Wilkin's Patent.

Isaac Shelby Esq.

Near Danville.

Sunday Sept. 11.th 1803

Dear Sir, Inclosed is the Article of Agreement Assigned
by Mr. Wilkins & Saitz which I was to hand you but
being obliged to wait for the well diggers therefor I will
be thankfull if you will present the Agreement to
Capt. Warner & Bull for their Assignments any alterations
they wish you will make agreeable to your Judgment
The Chief Object wished is the priviledge of Digging
to be extended as far as possible

Isaac Shelby Esq^r

I am Dear Sir Yours with
Due Respect

John Young



Manuscripts Oct 1803.
When I had the pleasure to
be introduced in Burlington I mentioned the
contents of Col. James Southwell's
authorized me to settle and adjust all
their Land Business in this place. I suppose
I have a claim that clashes with their sur-
vey on Pleasant Run, I was desirous to
have the matter determined by some
dispute in the Court of Col. Southwell
I wish to be informed by letters under
the name of the party, matters at Burlington
where I would be a witness so as
to take into this Business and the Prin-
ciples on which you think it ought to be
settled. I suppose it would be on
the Paper of the papers said to be
I would be glad to hear of
them to determine the case. It would
be very acceptable to me if you could

Dear Sir
 I received your letter of the 15th of Feb 1803.
 When I had the pleasure to
 receive your letter I mentioned that the
 account of Col. James Southwell's will had
 authorized me to settle and adjust all
 his Land Business in this State & as you
 have a claim that clashes with the same
 my old Friend Mr. B. has consented to
 have the matter arbitrated by some
 disinterested persons the list of names
 shall be informed by letter as soon as
 the case is put to rest. It is not
 what I would be obliged to you
 to do in this Business and Mr. B.
 has in a book you think it ought to be
 settled & supported in consequence of
 the same the papers will be before
 the Commission will be given to
 him to determine the case I would
 be very acceptable to me if you could

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Dear Sir September 1005.

From our former acquaintance I flatter myself that I may take the Liberty to ask you to do me a small favour I send the

Ducros Mr. to settle my Business in Gauntucky and make sale of my land, from Letters I have received ~~of~~ I find there is some saved yet the said ~~has~~ undertaken

to go and make sale of what may be coming to me on the halfe and bring my half to

me To know that there is now deception

On thero part they are bound to take the Magistrate certificate before whom the deeds are Acknowledged certifying the price they receive for my land and deliver the same to you and they are to bring me your letter with the same Inclosed and an Account of their conduct as nigh is you can find out

Shewise your advice upon the whole Business if you will please to have Reference to the ~~whole~~ ~~Business~~ Papers that they will hand you One Transaction of mine which no man can give an account or direct my Attorney

(So)

So well as yourself that is I located 22,000^a
of land for certain Gentlemen of Richmond
in those days they were Treasurers & Auditors
that is Mr. John Syno Mr. Foster Webb & a
Mr. Brooks upon the halfs It is chiefly located
in what was called in those days the Bush
on Sawrill River I am to have the half which
their Obligations will certify you can direct
my Attorneys what to proceed

I have sent you a map
of part of this Country perhaps may be some
what entertaining to you It has been measured
by Observation & Time in my presence by General
Wilkinson & a Spanish Gen^l. Afterwards by two
American Officers with chain and compass I have
taken pains to collect the whole and laid the same
down by Scale & Protractor I myself have navigated
the same near 20 years and you may be assured it
is the most correct that ever was yet laid down

I am your most Obedt^{serv}

Wm Baker

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Isaac Shelby

Kentucky

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The Filson Historical Society

17th January 1805

Kind Sir) after my best wishes for
you and Family, I would inform
you I have declined my intentions of
purchasing any more liquors in your
County, as I find ^{it} unprofitable,
I have sold to Mr James Robertson
the ballance of Cider Cyl that
I left in your custody, which
I hope you will be good as to
Judge, and report by a line to
me the quantity that may be in
the same by Mr Robertson —
the favour shall be gratefully

Dec. 17th 1794
I have yet on hand
a quantity of the liquor I purchas
-ed of you and find money scarce
if you should not give your money
according to contract, I hope you
will not be uneasy, for you shall
have it ^{as soon as possible} in my power, and believe
me to be in every sentiment of respect
Your most Obedient and Very

74th St.
Chas. Shilly Esq.
John Harvey Junor

Mr. John Harvey, Wash. D.C.
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Colt

Isaac Shelby

Lincoln, City

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The Filson

Sir

March 27th 1806

I received yours of the 23^d Jan only two days ago
but I observe the post Office date is the 27th Feb
consequently it was not forwarded until more than
a month after it was written. The manner in which
you propose to settle our clashing claims upon
Box Run appears to be fair & generous & infinite-
ly more agreeable to me than the common mode
of litigation which is always attended with a deal
of trouble & expense to all parties without the certainty
of justice in the issue. Anxious however as I am
for this accommodation I cannot for the following
reasons enter into a positive or final engagement with you
1st I am not sufficiently acquainted with the merits of our
respective claims, indeed except from your information which
I have no doubt is correct, I am quite ignorant of the true
ground of dispute - 2^d the surveys may interfere in such
a manner as to under the part that is free from dispute
unless, unless the purchase will take the whole, & 3^d
Capt Roberts has purchased part of the tract I am
interested in & am inform'd he has presumed a division
& entered upon it, as it is probable he has carried
out that part that is free from dispute it may
be necessary to know whether he is willing to bear
at least an equal share of the loss - as soon as I can
procure information upon these points I shall cheerfully

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met you upon the ground you propose, & as
we agree in the principle I have no doubt but
we shall in the particulars. For some years
it has been almost my first wish to go to that
country, but for a journey so long & fatiguing my health
has been rather too weak. But if it continues to im-
-prove as ^{it} has lately I shall certainly be out in
-the course of the next summer, if our business
will then be easily accomplished, at all events
there will be but little difficulty after I have
obtained the information above mentioned

I am Sir with respect & esteem your most

Obt Servant
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Danville, Kentucky

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Col. Shelby

Dec. 15

1847

Sir

That man W. Cole I sent
 to settle my business in your lantern
 I cant have nothing from him I
 flatter myself from our former
 acquaintance that you will send
 me a line what had become of
 him and what he is about or
 get some of your acquaintance to
 do it

Ever Esteem

Your family

Jno Baker

Abiam Kline
near Dunkard Town
Lancaster County
Pennsylvania

Gourabell Maddox

Mason County
by post. March 30th 1807

note to John Baker in the beginning of March 1807

STEPHEN'S PATENT

Feb 21 - 1806

Col. Isaac Shelby

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Dear Col. Danville D. July 1808.

I was in hopes to have seen you here
to day or if not Expected this Ev^g to have ^{the} pleasure
to have seen you & family at your own house but
Now find my business obliges me to return to day.

I wish much to see you respecting my suit
ag^t Cobton. When I was told in Frankfort, Taltot
told me
I had better dismiss the Suit for upon the appeal
to the grand Federal Court I must loose owing
to our Courts I mean the Federal Court in this
State not having Jurisdiction I was incline
to believe from what Clay told me that Mr.
Taltot was mistaken. I call'd on my friend
Col. T. C. & he tells me Mr. Clay is mistaken & Taltot
was not. I ask'd if the Answer of Cobton being
Juda did not cure the Error if any he thinks
that & then names to me a number of cases
in point which had been before the grand
Federal Court. Now what is to be done. Taltot
says bring Suit in our Gen^l Court

MSA

Pray let me hear from you fully
on this subject. My respects to Mrs. Shelby
& family.

I am Dear Sir with
Much Esteem
Yr. Obedt. Servt.

J. Thompson

W. H. T.

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Dear Sir,

Harrisburg 1st Oct^r 1807.

I am now on the bench can only say a few words
in the first place let me observe to you Federal Court will
Meet the 1st Monday in Nov^r at this Court I Expect if we
do our best a judg^r may be had in Colston's Case. pray
my dear friend come down & go with me I am told
by Mr. Tiltott — We may Expect the suit taken up
3rd day of the Court. let me hear from you —

I am Dear Sir Y^r M^o O^o D^r

J. Thompson

Col. Isaac Shelby

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Dear Sir

I received your Letter By Mr
 Smith Informing me of your Intentions to
 Endeavour to get a Review, and to Conciliate
 Fair with him and agree in Endeavouring to secure
 the Upper Improvement I have been with
 Coln Snoddy Smith, Capt & Capt Bush on the
 Ground since Mr Smith was here they all agree
 that there was an Improvement at that place
 and Coln Snoddy says that he has it as early
 as 75 But it is difficult to get them to say that
 it was it to be Capt Warts Improvement, I am
 informed that an old Gentleman of the Name of
 Page Portwood who lives on Green River says
 he was with Capt Warts at the Making of his Improvement
 of Seventy five if other Testimony seem to fail we
 must make application to him, Be so good as
 to Inform me what Letter was at the Upper Improv-
 ement, Coln Snoddy says that he thinks that there
 was Letters made with Powder on a Blast but
 I think it necessary if you can Inform me
 I may endeavour to bring this Recollection to the
 point if you do not recollect make application
 to Mr Duncanson and write me a few lines, I am
 informed by Mr Smith that you had not an
 opportunity of seeing Mr Clay before he went to

Yours

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Congress I understand the ^{How returned Be}
taken in Bankrupt
So kind as to try to get the Depositions ^{to them}
as they are taken in Bentons Suit it will save
a great Deal of Trouble; ^{to me} For you write your
land is for sale at \$ 12 per acre write to me the
kind of a title you propose Making Sir I
will do all that is in my power to oblige
You

I am Sir with the Most Sincere
Respect your Obedient
Friend
James Dimondie

Madison May 25 1810

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as they are taken in Benton's that it will save
a great deal of trouble; Sir you write your
land is for sale at \$ 12 per acre write to me the
kind of a title you prefer Making Sir I
will do all that is in my power to oblige

Yours

I am Sir with the Most Sincere
Respect your Obedient
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James Dimondie

Madison May 25 1810

James Dimondie's
Madison County
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Col. Isaac Shelby D. of

James King
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Dear Sir

Beaver Creek Iron Works
October 7th 1798

We have just loaded your Iron in
Mr. Richard Hales Wagon - I give
him fifty Dollars Cash to deliver at
Cumberland River and agreeable to
your request I have engaged him to
take it to your house and have said
you will give him fifty Dollars for
carrying it there I hope it will suit
you and come safe to hand

I am Dear Sir

With Esteem

James King

P.S.

we have taken the plate and put it
over the Generals Grave -
I am afraid Mr. M^r King of Abingdon
will not live long and we could better spare
many others
J. K.

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Relates to 3 Jan
see to name of Green

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Capt Isaac Shelby

Near Danville Kentucky

Mr. Hale

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