

London 22 April 1815

my dear Sir,

I wrote you on Jan'y 12. Feb'y 6th & 26. again
on the ~~25~~ 5 of March 1805) respecting the Land Granted
to Captⁿ Carver by the two Sachems - I have been
searching for the original Deed, without finding
it - I find Captⁿ Carver sold a quarter of the whole to
R. Smith and two thirds of the whole to A. B. Coud
and gave Deeds accordingly. which left only one 12th
to his Heirs - and People here from N. York tell me
Rufus & Jonathan Carver & their Sisters sold the
greater Part on Speculation since 1792 -
The People who bought on this Side the Atlantic
will not sell their Rights, but intend to claim after
Carvers Children have been at the Expence of
getting the Deed ratified by Congress & the present
Sachems of the Nantowissies... whether Congress
will allow the printed copy is a Question - but suppose
they do - it is doubtful whether the Indians will allow
it - if they should the Expences will rise to a great
Height - Those Deeds given by Capt. Carver were nul
in Law, because he had no right to the Land, until his
Deed was ratified by the King, which was never done.
& Carvers Childrens Deeds since, are nul for the same
Reason - because Congress have not ratified the Deed -
Carvers Children ought not to bear the Expence
if able, while Strangers claim the Land as theirs -

you will find what number of Acres have been sold by the children of Capt.ⁿ Carver in America - & then you will be able to give them advice whether to go on or stay where they are - I will advise them to give one General Quitclaim Deed of the whole to A.B. which warrants against the claims of all the Heirs of Jonathan Carver deceased - & under that General Quitclaim Deed let A.B. pay all Expenses at Congress & with the Indians and if A.B. gets Possession of the Territory, then A.B. to be held to give a Number of Acres to each Son and Daughter of Capt.ⁿ Carver. But mind this, Rufus Carver his Sisters & Brother must suffer A.B. to use their Names in the Petition, as if they alone were concerned in suing for the Land - because the Name of Carver will be the strongest Argument you have to succeed with Congress & the Indians - When Possession is gained by A.B. & A.B. has given Deeds to Carver's Children as per Contract, then Carver's Children must go & settle on the Land, and each build a House in Carversville near the Mouth of Cheppewaw River in a limited Time, & the first Settler shall have his choice of a Block of Land in said City to build on, & so the second comer to have the next choice until 400 Houses are erected - The City Lots should not exceed half an Acre each - all made in right Angles.

to shun all Claimants A.B. must have the Indians Ratify their Deed to Capt. Carver by giving a new Deed to A.B. the Assignee of Carver's Children - and the Title be new, and to a different Person - then all old things will be done away -

If my Ideas strike you, I hope to meet you at Carver's
village with Mr & Mrs Pope & all the Children of Capt. Carver,
in 1806. I wish you to consult Rufus Carver & Co and
to advise them how to act. & if agreeable, to see my
Son, Willoughby Birdseye Peters Esq. of Stratford in
Connecticut, or at Mr. Abbott Ryckman's House
in New York, a Merchant there. — who will be
better able to communicate matters to you than
I can write, & will be your best guide I know
of in America in this uncertain concern.

the Carvers under existing circumstances I think
will never receive Benefit from that Land only in
the way I have above hinted. my Son
is capable & will be ready to advise
and assist in raising the Money
to try the Will & pleasure of Congress.

where the first step is — the second is go to the Ind. as.
Silence & Expedition is the Safety of your Application.
it will prevent opposition, & future Law suits, if my
plan is, successful — you will Note, that the Fall
of St Anthony is West of Niagara Fall 450 miles &
the Climate much milder than in Vermont or Detroit.
please to write to my Son — the result of your doings
with Carver's Children — I despair of ever finding
the original Deed. — The holders of Land under Capt
Carver are not honest enough to do any Justice to
the Children of Carver in America, pretending to act
only for Martha Pope — meaning, themselves — if R.
Carver's Letter soon reaches Martha Pope, it may
open things to your faithful Samuel Peters
Sam^l Harrison Esq.

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Mr Samuel Harrison,

Chittenden County of Rutland,
Vermont.

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