

N^o 50 Essex Street New York March 9th 1807—
my dear Sir,

The hard winter is past & the rains are over
and gone, & I am yet alive, to see & hear of many very
many sorrows in Europe & Myriads of Hoerries &
a thousand & one Degrees of Insincerities in the
united States: where Self Interest, discord and Want
of Union promise every evil that came out of
Pandora's Box. your Letter of October 7th 1806
reached me in due time: but Mr Goss's of 26 April 1806
never came to me till December 2^d 1806. & I had to
send to Mr Granger for it. who seems to be the
only honest Man in Columbia for which Jefferson
Persecute him for doing Right...

Gen. Dearborn told us that Gov^r Hull was the proper
Person to give you & Mr Rufus ~~Carver~~ ^{Carver} a License
to visit St Anthony's Falls— therefore I wrote to
Gov^r Hull at Detroit to send his License to you
having received no answer. I wrote to Judge Masters
at Washington to apply to Dearborn for a License
to St Anthony's Falls— he applied. & wrote the words
following to me. Feb^y 27. 1807—

" Gov^r Hull is at Detroit— It is not usual, customary
" or necessary for any public officer to give Passports
" unless for Foreign Countries— neither can a
" formal Treaty be held with the Indians by our
" Constitution, unless under the direction of a
" Commissioner appointed by the President "

Ergo— you, or Mr Rufus Carver will see it necessary to
write to the President & obtain from him a proper
Passport to visit St Anthony's Falls— herein you will
lose no time— as Jefferson may be inclined to do.
Justice to Carver's Hairs, because ^{he} must go out of his
Present Station at the next Election, otherwise he
& his present Adherents will do nothing for Carver's
Hairs— fearing they may not, like Olin help the Revenue
which is necessary to build a Bridge over Potomack
Break, Bonneport, & form a turnpike to Ohio—

I communicate now, the opinion of the Committee
viz; that a confirmation of Carver's deed by the present
Sachems, or Chiefs of the Noudowessie Tribes of
Indians would not induce the Committee to report
in favour of the Claim of Carver; for they consider
the Claim, in toto, bad, & that no movements on
the part of the Claimants can make it good—
The Business was laid over from the last Session of
Congress without making a Report— Nothing
further will be done, unless moved by Mr Harrison
or some other Agent for the Claim— J. S. Th

Thus far we have gone, I know, from the
Present Congress— governed by Olin & such as
fear the People at large, who are taught to believe
every Acre is worth two dollars to the Treasury of
the U. S. that lies west of the Alleghany mountain, or
of the Mississippi River to Nootka Sound.. Oh! how
rich is Olin, & his Congress, & the United States?
in Idea, design & cunning, to dupe the multitude
I keep themselves in place & on Pensions?—
A Revolution of Policies is near, & new men will
produce new measures— the old, are not worth
a niche in human Memory. the New will leave
all the old at home, & appoint better men than
ever disgraced America in Congress— I am not
afraid to try again the Claim of Capt. Carver. Hiers
before a Congress not composed of men, who have
bought Ohio, States, Indiana & cetera to make them-
selves rich & noble, without paying one Cent for
what they have promised to pay 200 Cent—
Verbum Sat tibi!— I pray you to write to Jefferson
for a Passport, & to name Stephen Thorne Esq to
be his Commissioner, to go to St. Anthony, with R.
Carver & yourself, & others, in order to produce
a Ratification of the Indian deed given to Capt Carver
by the Noudowessie Chiefs in 1767— his answer
will direct our movements, until Jefferson is
out of Office & an honest man is placed in
his Room— which may be Burr, or the Devil—
Mr Monroe is in Europe, but we have not yet
received Letters from him— yet daily expect to—
Thank God, the Congress arose on the 1st current
on Nothing, but 6 dollars per diem for every 20 miles
until they reached their respective Cens—

Israel Smith, Abraham Baldwin & John Smith
might have told you, what they designed to report
on Carver's Claim, but they had a purpose to
serve interesting to their Party - they now suppose
the dye is cast, & the trap has sprung, & they are safe.
& they see no danger in letting out the cat -
If you have not succeeded with the Heirs of Captⁿ
Carver, I obtained a Decree according to Mr Broome's
Statement, he, nor my Son, nor I myself, shall
ever trouble ourselves more about the Land
conveyed by the Nondouie's to Capt Carver -
If you have succeeded, we will pursue the Claim
under a new President & a new Congress, which
Thank God is near at hand -
I hope your Family & all connections are in good health
& happy, after the worst Winter ever endured -
my Son is at Stratford, & next week I expect he
will be here - by the first of April I shall be
at Stratford - & soon after be at Albany on my
way to upper Canada - from which Place, you
shall hear from me - my Son will be happy
to see you, or hear from you at Stratford -

It is well worth in the next Congress, or
to claim - Robert Walpole said, he was obliged
to bribe the Members in the British Parliament
to attend & do their duty - "he never bribed them
to do wrong - Congress I believe are not more
apt to do their duty than those of the British Parlia-
ment. & yet receive wages for attending & doing Nil -
while the British receive nil for their attendance
& voting with the Ministers like the honest
Vicar of Bray." On that King & the same
on my return from Canada, I intend to call on
you, your Lady & Family, Mr Goss & c^o - I have not
forgot my Name sake, but shall remember to
bless him whether absent or Present -
I have seen nothing of your Publications, which
gives me sorrow - I want to see your Name in
the Catalogue of Representatives - Mr Goss & the Heirs
of Captⁿ Carver, must exert themselves in this concern
Health & Regards to you & all. Samuel Peters
Samuel Harrison Esq^r

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Samuel Harrison Esq.

Chittenden in the County
of Rutland - State of Vermont.

Tested Hand of Recd. Attest April 10th 1807



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