

New York May 1st 1809—

my dear Sir,

I have deferred writing to you the Heirs
of Capt.ⁿ Carver for some months, because I have
been employed, in writing to Gen. Dearborn & Gov.
Hull—concerning a Passport to the Nondawissie Chiefs
to gain a confirmation of their Predecessors deed
dated May 1. 1767—to Capt.ⁿ Donathⁿ Carver 42 years ago
I could obtain no answer from Jefferson, Madison
nor Dearborn—but Gov.^r Hull replied, that he was
ready & willing to do allⁱⁿ his Power for Carver's Heirs
but he stood in need of Gen. Dearborn's order to
enable him to treat with the Nondawissie Chiefs
last week Gov.^r Hull was here, by his advice and
directions, I stated the whole Affair concisely from
first to last in a Letter to Gov.^r Hull, which I enclose
& inclosed to the New Secretary of War, I prayed him
to lay the same before the Secretary of State and the
new President, & then to give him their directions
respecting the concern of Carver's Just
equitable Claims, & he would in next July treat
with the Nondawissie Chiefs respecting that Deed
who would be at the Convention of the Indians
at Michilimackinac as already fixed & agreed on—
Gov.^r Hull added, "if the present Sachems should allow
their Predecessors Deed to Carver in 1767, Congress would
not have to purchase the Indian title to that
large Parcel of Land"—Gov.^r Hull requested the order
to be forth with sent to him at Detroit by the time
of his Arrival there (i.e.) about the 15th of May present
I said he doubted not but the order would be there
as soon as he was— & if so— he would write to his
Son— A. F. Hull ~~that~~ 1839th attorney of law in this City
whom I have made Agent for you & Carver's Heirs
to conduct this Business with his Father & Heirs
By the Gov.^r Letters his Son & I shall know whether

it will be necessary for you & Rufus Carver Esqr-
to go to Detroit next July - if so, the Gov^r will write
to you & to his Son what must be done - in short
it must be proved that Rufus & his wife & children
are of Leg^{al} Carver - an attested copy of the
original Dec^{ree} must be there & the Governor has
desired the Secretary Mr. Fiske give one to the
Secretary of War - for Gov^t all
I will give one to my wife. S^{rs} 1 of 2

shall will give the Mandawcsee Chiefs a Present
I charge it to me — thus are matters fixed
I if the Secretary at War does not fail Gov Hull, the
Heirs of Carver, you & I are sure of success — as
Gov Hull is certain, the present Sachems will
confirm their Ancestors Deed to Carver, if they
ever gave that Deed of May ~~1767~~ 1767 — "because
the Indians are the most honorable People on earth"

Besides the above—Col^l Mathew Lyon has been here for three weeks. I sent & read the whole story about Captⁿ Laver's Claim, & is so sanguine that Congress will ratify & confirm the original Deed, on that Allowance of it by the Present Schemes— & says he will do all in his Power in Congress for the Benefit of Carver's Heirs, being convinced that the Claim is Genuine & much is due to his Heirs— But Col^l Lyon is of opinion, that Congress will insist on having some Part of the Territory as they have the trouble & expense to form it into a Government & support the Governor, &c &c— I asked, whether he would contest the Congress—the Colonel said, he believed it would— I calculate, that next winter Congress will decide the fate of Carver's Claim—

Mr Broome is yet at Paris— & by late News he will not soon be here— If Congress should claim half of Carver's Right— the Heirs ought not to have so much as 15000 Acres— therefore,

I request you, to draw your Bond direct
me & my Bond to you as Agent of Love
for as much less as you Judge proper.
Bonds to Samuel Peters will be duly sign
please them to send both of them to the
Stephen Thorn, at Greenville, & request
to send my Bond to you, to me at New
I will then sign & seal it & return it to
whom I will request to send to you.
Judge will send your Bond to me,
till I can call on him — you &
I think will be obliged to go to Gov's
next July, but I am not certain
any, I will give you early Notice.
I wish to hear from you as soon
I hope you & your Family & Harvey & J.

— some of me in my newspaper
and happy — I have been almost
Cold Winter past, but am now per-
fect in good spirit, in consequence of
Lyons's undertaking the concern.
I hear from you, I shall be able
give you Joy, on success against
of Mr. Jefferson & those Polity men.

Heard as I have been told — I gave a short history
of you in my vindication of the Rev. Hugh Peters
Didrich Buckingham Esqr. I hear was elected
Member of Congress, who will help Cawcutt's
Judge Thorn will be a strong Poller in our
Cause — he is worthy of your esteem & mine
of all Republicans, who now prevail — adieu
Samuel Harrison Esqr. Samuel Peters

Granville Aug Paid 12th.

From D. M. Peters May 1st 1809

Recd Nov 25

Samuel Harrison Esq.

Chittenden

County of Rutland

Vermont.





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