

Elisabeth Street, corner of Grand St. New York August 22. 1812..
new date, now August 24. 1812

Gentlemen,

I now write to you Rufus Carver ^{Joshua} ~~James~~ Goss, instead of
writing to Samuel Harrison Esq^r of Chittenden: to whom I have
written six Letters respecting the Carver Claim adjoining the Fall
of St Anthony: but cannot I have not received any Answers
from him: tho' I often hear he is yet living = I suppose Mr^{rs} ^{Sons} Harri
Letters to me have lost their Way, as well as mine to him. by some
perverse Means..

I have no doubt of the validity of the
Indian Deed to Captⁿ Jonathan Carver - & I have full Faith in the present
Chiefs of the Naudowissie ^{Indians} ~~Indians~~ will ratify their Ancestors Deed
to Captⁿ Jonothⁿ Carver & permit his Heirs & their Assigns to settle
on & occupy the said Territory ~~that~~ conveyed to Captⁿ Carver, his
Heirs and Assigns forever

To comply with the directions of the
Committee of Congress, to obtain from the Chiefs of Naudowissie, I have
sent three Messengers to them; the two first went no further than
Missillimackinac Fort - the third reached the Fall of St Anthony, but
as yet has made me no return - whether he is dead or living, I
know not - therefore last Spring I sent the fourth Person, as yet
I have had no News.. thus five years have gone by and all to
no effect: except what was done at Congress in 1806. I see that
nothing will be done until I go in Person to the Naudowissies -
I have determined to set off on that Journey so soon (this Autumn)
As Mr. Harrison shall send to me, his Certificate, "that he has
in his Possession & keeping a Deed, or Deeds from Rufus Carver
& wife, and all the legal Heirs of Captⁿ Jonathan Carver deceased,
conveying their Right & Interest in & to said Territory, to the
Rev Samuel Peters L.L. his Heirs and Assigns forever"

When I have ^{his} said Certificate here, I will let you & Mr. Harrison
know the Time I will meet you at Ballston, & now tell you that
Rufus Carver, or Mr. Harrison, must go with me to the Indian Chiefs,
with proper vouchers of their being legal Children & Heirs of Capt.
Jonathan Carver. Mr. Harrison knows how to have that
Business properly fixed - when we meet at Ballston, I will
give Proper Deeds to the Heirs of Captⁿ Carver according to my Bond
and receive the Deed or Deeds from Captⁿ Carvers Heirs as by their Bond

The Reason why I need the foregoing Certificate is— viz
A number of Gentlemen have verbally agreed to assist me in
Settling said Territory, on reading Mr Harrison's Statements
and Arguments before the Committee of Congress which they
say are masterly and invincible, and prove the Energy of his
mind and Memory— thus far they are satisfied— and want
a Certainty of Captⁿ Carver's Heirs— and that they have conveyed
their Right & Title to said Territory to Samuel Peters & his Heirs and
Assigns by a Deed or Deeds in the Keeping of Samuel Harrison Esq^r
of Chittenden, in the County of Rutland & State of Vermont—
When this Point is established by Mr Harrison those Gentlemen
will forthwith be satisfied and enable me to set off to visit
the Chiefs of the Nadowessies—
your Interest and Wisdom will compel you without loss of time
to call on Samuel Harrison Esq^r your Agent and mine with
this Letter, and urge him to forthwith send his said Certificate
directed to Samuel Wright Esq^r Vesey Street, New York—

This Direction is necessary— lest our City Landjobbers
should detain his Letter should be directed to Samuel Peters—

Thus you see the Necessity of your speedy Exertions
by striking whilst the Iron is hot— Fail not of doing well
to yourselves and to me, and make due Returns to this Letter
in manner as already pointed out by your living Friend
and Father (by Promise made to Capt Carver on the Day he
departed from human Life to live with the Eternal Spirit (on
January 31. 1780 at London)— Samuel Peters

N. B. ^{No.} 1: The Sales & Deeds of Mr John King appear to be numerous
and cover more Land than is contained in the Patent to Capt Carver—
The Landjobbers have have decried & almost ruined the Claim
of Captⁿ Carver's other Heirs— those outrages of the many
Landjobbers in five years more ^{will} kill & obsolete the Deed given
to Captⁿ Carver by the Sachems on May 1st 1767, as 50
years limits the Power of Deeds of Lands unoccupied. Then
Carver's Heirs & Assigns will lose their Interest, and Congress
will, or may Purchase the Territory of the Sachems—
Thus Gentlemen learned in the Law tell me—

"Caveat Vendor— Caveat Emptor" is a Law Maxim— that is;
"take care Seller— take care Buyer"— I see your Title is good—

The War with England will drive on many Settlers; & Prompt Execution
at this Time will give us "Possession of the Land of Promise"—
the motto is— "Now, or never"— for Death may come—

Health & Respects and Love to all—
Rufus Carver, Esq^r adieu— Samuel Peters
Mr Josiah Goss— Josiah Goss—
Samuel Harrison Esq^r

N.B. ^{No} 2. If Mr Harrison had received P. W.
Since May 1st 1812, I might, & should have been now
Hull on my way to St. Anthony's Fall... Indefiance,
the various Deeds of Mr Inking which cover the whole Do.
by Capt Jonathan Carver, ~~His~~ Heirs and Assigns; thus I speak
our Land jobbers, thereby intending to defeat the Settlement of Carver's Land
and sell & settle their Lands in other Parts of the Union

Pray let me not be hindered any longer!

I have got a Gentleman, to address this Letter to Mr Joshua Goss. that
no one should know it to be my Letter, by the hand writing of Peters.
or the Name of Mr Harrison. It will go safe to you, Mr Harrison's
will come safe to me, if you direct it to, Samuel Wright Esq. Westey,
Streets, New York. (The Canadas will be taken by Congress Troops soon, & I will
not stop me, nor you, from seeing the Land of Promise" before next Dog Days"

XX A Note for memorandum by S Harrison

Mr Jefferson when P. W. wrote to S Harrison in answer to his request of May 1st 1805
and answered it June 25th 1805. respecting the Carver Title. that
no recognition of title could be had nor any settlement permitted"

Therefore from May 1st 1805 to June 1805 is 38 years that
must elapse after a permission of Settlement before the Carver
Deed can be said to be obsolete by not making a settlement
within 50 years.

N.B. ^{No} 3. Having not sealed nor sent this Letter, I while about doing it, Genl
Bailey, Postmaster, sent to me this 28th Day of August 1812, a Letter from
Samuel Harrison Esq. dated at Chittenden August 12th 1812. which gave
me much Joy & Satisfaction. I was glad to know he is yet living, and
has found out the Treachery of mankind, as I have also done.
No Letters will I direct hence forth to Samuel Harrison Esq. with my Pen.
He will not address any Letter to Dr Samuel Peters, in his hand writing.
I ^{we will} prevent the Land jobbers, tormenting us any more by stealing
our Letters. yet Mr Harrison must send the said Certificate, as above
pointed out, directed to Samuel Wright Esq. I am your fidel. Saml Peters

Red Sep 5 1812

Mr Joshua Goss.

at the post office in Brandon
County of Rutland
State of Vermont



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