

Rev. Doctor Sam. Peters

Christenden Sept 7. 1812. Dover.

My Dear Sir

Your Letters of the 22nd 23rd and 24th ult. to R. C. J. G. on
are rec^d. as also one from you to me of the 23rd of July together with one from J. Wright Esq^r of
of July all requesting me to send a certificate that I have in my possession a conveyance
the Heirs of Carver of their Right and Title to the Land granted to him by the N. & A. D. of
Hampshire and Boston counties and desiring me to certify To Rev. Sam. C. J. G. Esq^r.
are sensible Dear Sir of the embarrassments to which I shall be subjected should I be
give such a Certificate ^{without the Conditions are first complied with} being placed ^{in a} critical situation first as ^{Attorney}
Attorney to Carvers Heirs and secondly being employed as Agent by yourself to accomplish
the signature of the Instruments committed to my charge. ^{by the Heirs of Carver} The instruments are
sealed and witnessed but are to remain in my hands until certain conditions are complied with.
I shall suffer myself to be implicated by my first employers. Upon have not forgotten I dare say
promise You made me and Your Son had made and likewise M^r. S. B. made to me that pecuniary
aid should be afforded and a specified sum was to be committed to me in June 1806. This money
and the money ^{on} which had been previously expended to bring about that purpose had been

and I have not received it. I got money of my friends to prosecute the accomplish-
ment of the business some of which was from some of the Hens particularly Mr. Green ^{when he seized} I promised
never to deliver the Papers until I Received Money enough to pay him - I had some more
with Mr. Green to whom I made the same promise I hired some from some other friendly persons at
time for which I have paid yearly and interest of 15 per Cent. and expended a great deal for
of my own - It has ~~not~~ ^{not} cost me less than 1000 ^{in money} ~~per cent~~ ^{which I borrowed} of my time to bring matters to their
sent bearing in the Currier claim. I have travelled on this business upwards of four thousand
is and all at my own expense excepting from Stratford to Washington and from thence home -
see is are some of the Reasons why I referred you before to the Answer I gave ^{in my letter of Aug 12 1812} I thought Esq -
I could receive 200 or 300 dollars to pay when I have borrowed I should not hesitate then to con-
promptly all I can and wait until the claim of C is determined for the rest of my paid expenses
on may safely send it to me ^{in 13} enclosed in a Letter directed to me in Pittsford - when you direct to me at
Chittenden it ^{the letter} stops at Rutland and I have either to get it from that Office or after some delay it may be
it and forwarded and Perhaps never - But directing to Pittsford it never stops until it comes to that
Office and O J E ^{P.M.} is my particular friend and I generally receive it in a few hours after receiving
you

Your N^B N^o 1 to M^r C. G. and me says "that the Deeds of M^r John King appear to be numerous and cover more Land than is contained of C^t - I answer M^r King may sell the Moon if he pleases it will be nothing to you nor me - N^o M^r King to my knowledge was ever connected with the Carver Family M^r Simon King is married to Mary the eldest daughter of Capt Jon^s Carver - I informed you often that he had conveyed away some of land. and the probability is that many speculators have succeeded in defrauding honest men by a spurious title predicated on King's - ~~The conveyance I have in my possession is signed by C^t R. M^r King & G. Sarah Church M^r John King & for Blue L. for C^t Martha C^t -~~ You say "50 years will kill and obsolete a D E D" - You recollect that M^r Jefferson when I last wrote to me in answer to my request to him - May 15th 1805 for to have liberty for C^t thus to settle that territory - In his answer dated June 15. 1805 He says no recognition of title can be had nor any settlement permitted - Therefore from M. 1767 to 1805 = 38 years that 12 years must expire after a settlement is permitted before the Deed of Carver can become obsolete for being unoccupied for 50 years. that it will be some time probably before "Caveat emptor Caveat vendor" - need to frighten either buyer or seller -

Your N^B N^o 2 says "If M^r Harrison had received and answered ^{any one of} my letters since May 1. 1802 I might and should have been to Detroit with Governor Hull" & C^t Since I began to write this letter I have rec^d ^{at Adams office extra from N^y} from some person unknown dated Aug 29. 30 doct full stating Gov Hull has taken fort Malden in U. S. ^{Aug 1st 1812} with ~~my~~ ^{admission} a nomination for D^{ist} for next President and have likewise a Birmingham news letter. ^{and have before} dated Aug 29 11 o'clock full stating that G. Hull is

taken and his whole army at Detroit, to which place he had retired for want of supplies.
This is what I expected and what I predicted in a Letter I sent to Mr Madison dated May 11. 1812. Advor-
ing him not to declare war in the present unprepared defenceless situation of the U.S. I begged of
him not to declare war himself. For I am certain that the war will be unpopular it will terminate
dishonorably it will end in disgrace.

It was not so in 1774. The American Arms were not so disgraced at B^{ty}. Aug 16
nor at Stillwater in Sep. Nor at Saratoga in Oct 1777. Nor at Yorktown 1781 -
it grows dark & tempers crowds

Adieu & H^c

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