

Dear Sir

Decyphrment of the press copy letter

Monticello Oct. 17. 99.

Mr. William Short (now in Europe) owns 1000. a.^r. of land in ^{St Bride's parish} Norfolk county, called Green sea land adjoining to Patrick Henry & Co. ^{at their S.W. corner} by patent dated Dec. 10. 1784. his affairs are under my care, and it is but lately that this possession has come to my knowledge. I am apprehensive no taxes have been paid for it, & indeed that it had never been placed on the Commissioners books. perhaps it may be in danger. having no correspondent in Norfolk, I take the liberty of addressing myself to you, & soliciting you to enquire for me into this matter. if the lands be not given in to the Commissioners, have the goodness to give them in. if they have been already assessed, I will pray you to inform yourself what arrears are due, & to drop me a line, and I will immediately have the money remitted. The lands being once placed in a safe state, I will take care to provide regular means of keeping them so, without troubling you further with them than for the 1st. information.

In my pocket memorandum book, under date of 1799. Nov. 21. I find the following entry verbatim
debit W. Short ^{23/5} S.D. pd by G. Jefferson to the Auditor for taxes of his Green sea lands for 93.94.95.97.

Dear S. T.

Mr. William S.

as you will allow
the officers are under my com-
mand, I will give you an opportunity
to write him, ~~and~~ on the 1st

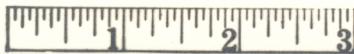
I am no longer interested in it.
I will directly go to enquire
of Mr. Commissaries, have the
agents, I will pay you to it
and bring it forward.

placed in a safe place, I will take care to give it you or some of the party
there! troubling up further with them than for his first information. — or at
distress in the appropriate — namely, by the want of credit & consequently
for over 200. The agent of the subscription has as to S. Domingo has only sold
the quantity stated, paid off, so had quitted that nation for France,
he and the law still continues. I am with cordial esteem dear Sir

Your friend C. T.

C. T.

Col^o Thomas Steele.



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