

Dear Sir

Receiptment of the press copy letter

Monticello Oct. 17. 99.

Mr. William Short (now in Europe) owns 1000. a. 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, & solliciting 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 1.st information.

In my pocket memorandum book, under date of 1799. Nov. 21. I find the following entry verbatim
'debit W. Short ^{33/2} S. D. pd by G. Jefferson to the Auditor for taxes of his Green sea lands for 93. 94. 95. 97.'

