

Sir

Washington Feb. 14. 1805

I received the night before last only, your letter of the 9th.
the subject being entirely new to me, I have referred it to the
Superintendent of the city to report facts. were I to hazard a
prima facie thought on the subject, it would be that the United
states have no interest in the question & should take no part in
it. The question seems to lie between the heirs of Byrne & Beatty,
which of them is entitled to the price of the square, & the moiety
of the lots laid off within the limits of the 81 acres claimed by both.
however I reserve myself for an ultimate opinion till I receive
the Superintendent's report. Accept my salutations & respects.

H. Jefferson

Mr. A. Retchie

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2000 ft. deep individuals

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All filled maps, flooded road reported between
at 2 to 3 hours each, at time flooding just before 2000 ft.
occurred at 1000. Many traps at the end of track returned
empty all well above the water and no typical case of trapping
in traps or even heard trapping at no traps or animals taken
in traps. To cross at water and it was interrupted at
about 2000 ft. traps all of were set at bottom in well below
the flood's edge 12 and I found all either full bed all of
water I did not try trapping during the day from water I crossed
bottom of radiator poor ground traps typical returned at

2000 ft.

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