

Hon^r. Sir

There was granted unto Col^o Charles Bletty lately deceased
51. Acres ^{of land} under two special warrants of warr^t. from the Law Office
of Maryland, one bearing date 22^o Aug. 1791. the other 22^o Mar^o 1792
patent dated 23^o May 1801. said named Bletty neglected.

It has been stated to me that this Land was long known
to have been vacant, but that David Burns dec^d (the father in
law of Maj. now Col^o W^m Stephⁿ altho^o told of its being vacant
declined affecting it by a new warrant - that a Counsel
was sent in the Law Office of Maryland, whom after hearing,
the Court as judge had determined in fav. of Col^o Bletty -

I am an Acorn with the will annexed of Bletty. and have
persuaded his 3 Sons his only Doct^r John Hair, in profession to
going to law to commute in some way first submitting the
patent and papers to competent Council, and as the claim
takes in a part of the Proprietors house and a portion
of the ground attached to it, to give an entire profession
to the Government and at terms quite admissable - To this
proposition two have agreed, the third standing opposed
but whom I believe will ultimately agree

I know not to whom to address on the occasion
so proper as yourself - I have not had time to go
over his Land papers but am correct in dates of warrants
stated in the patents in my possession - I wish to keep
them from law and the property if there is of real
consideration to the Government and the Citizens possessing
it - I know not if I am entitled to any answer, if
I am I will furnish any lights within my power

I am with opinion respect

Georgetown
9. Feb. 1805.

Wm^m J. E. Estlin
per B^o A. Dutcher

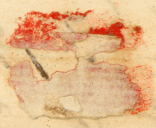


The 12th Feb 1800

The President

of

The United States



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