

Dear Sir

Monticello May 29. 180.

On the receipt of your favor of the 11th (which did not come to hand till the 23^d.) I proceeded to examine my papers as to the information they might give you on the subject of your Green sea lands. The result I now send you, to wit, my original letter to Col^o. Newton, his answer, and an entry in my pocket memorandum book which I found under the date of Nov. 21. 99. I am not able to say where I got the information of my letter to Col^o Newton; but I have not a doubt of it's correctness, and think it highly probable I still possess that gave me the information itself, but not recollecting from whom it came, I do not know under what name to look for it in the immense mass of my papers. The letters inclosed however are fully sufficient to enable you to get to the source of your title. if Mr Harvie executed a conveyance it must have been recorded either in the county court of Norfolk where the lands lay, or in the General court. if he did not execute a deed, his heirs are bound to do it, & certainly will not hesitate. if he executed a deed & that is lost, ~~they~~ it is equally incumbent on them to execute a ~~new~~ deed of confirmation, which, on refusal, they would be decreed to do by a court of Chancery one of those important functions is the reestablishment of lost titles papers. but Mr Harvie's sons are honorable men & will not put you to a suit in Chancery the delays and expences of which are interminable. your legal friend in Richmond cannot fail, from the letters now inclosed to trace & ascertain your title.

Our central College is likely to be adopted by the legislature as their University. our plan will call for 10. Professors, whom we are determined to procure of the first order of science in their respective lines which are procurable on either side of the Atlantic. I am named one of 24. Commissioners (one from each Senatorial district) who are to meet at Rockfish gap on the 1st of Aug. and to select and report to the legislature the most suitable place, on which the legislature are ultimately to decide. The expectation is that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the votes will be for the Central college, a mile above Charlottesville.

