

Yours truly
I will inform you
at what time
I may have the satisfaction to
see you in Lancaster

With great respect

Your friend & obedt Servt

Wm. Tyler

Mr. Puffer

defense in her hand & the plant of both in
 her life, passed away forever to the
 happy hunting grounds beyond the
 setting sun. These were founded on
 mighty ^{claims to the preference of the} commonwealth, to expand & to
 gather strength with the coming years,
 until the principles it maintained &
 ventured ~~to~~ ^{not} succeed, these ~~benefit~~
 blast thro' the world ~~until they~~
 I ~~into~~ ^{make it} ~~lock~~ ~~roads~~ & the ~~great~~ ~~roads~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~
 & the ~~offered~~ ~~way~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~had~~
 secured with the hope of a joyful
 resurrection? The Port the Parish
 the Antiquary the Historian with
 leisure for reflection & description,
 may all find plentiful & rich
 material when consulting this
 the romantic period of the Virginia
 Ancestry. But I can only glance
 at certain leading facts, in order
 to sustain the thread of my narrative,
 that speak for themselves & require
 no embellishment.

- 1st It appears that Virginia was
 the first Colonial settlement in
 the America,
- 2^d That the settlement was effected
 under a written Charter.
- 3^d That the Colony was established in 1607

by a Code of Laws which secured all
the rights of private property, its full
enjoyment while living & its testamentary
Distributions - the trial by Jury - The
right of petition, the right of appeal
from the Inferior Courts of Justice to
the Monarch, & that the local
Administration was necessarily taken
from the Body of the Emigrants
themselves & although not chosen by
those who had no personal interest
in the Patent were necessarily identified
with them in feeling, & very nearly
in actual conditions. The New England
sympathy of the accomplished Webster
favorable under the circumstances
may have impelled him perhaps to
use this expression, implying still
more than he directly conveyed when
drawing mentally a strong contrast
between the principles of the Plymouth
& Jamestown settlements in favor of
the former. But while I have no
disposition to argue the point it is
occasionally doubtful whether the union
of Church & State dignified by an
ingenious combination of the
Theocratic & Democratic principles
is distinguishable of the Puritan foundation
is susceptible of the eulogy he
wrote ^{thus} pronounced upon it. At any
rate the results of the separation

Systems, in the pretended development of more
spirited & social habits of the People
may be more judged of by the manner
In proof of what I have said ^{knowing that the} regarding
the value of ^{written} ^{contracts} ^{which} ^{are} ^{well}
as we appear to the inherent character
of the Colony without need of taking to have
the organic Law by which it was
governed. Thus the various modifications
it is sufficient to say ^{that} ^{raising} the
value of ^{short} ^{space} ^{of} ^{the} ^{last} ^{years}
the first Representative Body that ever
saw our annals, was convened at
James Town. In June 1619 the Gov.
for George Yeardley. The Council & two
Delegates from each of the eleven
Plantations met & passed the
first acts of Legislation which
were enacted in our
history. In all the written documents
two years previous the Company
was regarding Virginia shelly in
the light of a political state by
advantage granted as a colony
written laws than we have
among other things acknowledging & fully
guaranteeing the Right of Representative
govt. ^{the} ^{country}
In the meantime the Colony
was rapidly filling with population
the census numbers nearly
20,000 souls.

a contest - the Army, Navy & Treasury
& the Authority of God. To Pope

~~the friends of their measures~~
Now are you prepared to ^{assist} ~~assist~~
such a state of affairs. Will you
~~remain passive & let them come~~
5th Are there not strenuous efforts
being made & to be made to
induce the people of this State
to vote for Sumner & all who
for Governor with the view
of separating ^{transferring} ~~separating~~ ^{separating} ~~separating~~ ^{separating} ~~separating~~
Virginia from the Southern position
she has hitherto occupied to
the semi-abolition platform
of New York & the New
England States with the
intent to crush out the
very project of which we
have spoken.

We have much more
to say, but we respectfully
address to you these questions,
& shall at another time resume
the subject.