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Frankfort Octr: 1st 1828

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th of Sept: -
number was duly received, & having within
a few days after the pleasure of a casual
visit from Capt: John Fowler, I was en-
abled to obtain full information upon the
subject presented by your letter for inquiry.
He assures me that your tract of 4000, or
perhaps 4200 acres of land, on Licking
was not conveyed to Coln: Nicholas -
But that Nicholas had been satisfied
with other lands, part of which at
least had been conveyed to him by
my father in fulfillment of obliga-
tions that he was under to you -
Capt: Fowler is confident, & you may
be assured, that the tract above mentioned
was not conveyed away to Nicholas.

At this late period you would be
likely to meet with much difficulty in
the legal asperion of your title - With-
out knowing any thing particularly of
your claim, I would venture to re-
commend

it to you to compromise, rather than to
litigate, with interfering claimants & oc-
cupants - And, of course, to give adequate
powers on this subject to the agent you
may select - This mode will be the
most summary, & in all probability the
most profitable. Confined here by my
professional engagements, I could not
perform that sort of agency which would
be useful in your case - I will take
the liberty of suggesting Mr. William
Brown, of Cynthiana, Harrison County,
as a very suitable agent - He is a
most respectable & intelligent gentleman
who was a member of Congress from
this State during your Presidency, & may
perhaps be remembered by you -
He lives not remote, I suppose, from the
land, & I can not doubt that he
would serve you.

As to your correspondent Mr. Winn,
if he is the man I suppose & believe him
to be, I would advise you not to em-
ploy him - Speaking from reputation
more than from any thing I personally
know of him, I should say he is not

worthy of your confidence.

It will at all times, Sir, give me
great pleasure to serve you - And my
earnest prayer shall be that your latter
days may be as full of peace & happiness,
as your previous life has been of useful-
ness & honor.

I have the honor to be
with great respect &c
yrs &c
J. H. Pittenden

to: James Monroe

P.S. I have thought it best to
return the letter of Mr Winn.

JH