

Surveyor Generals Office

October 14th 1765

Col. ~~John~~ Cunningham

The Surveyor hereof D. Rees/James Down from Cumberland County in order to get a patent for the land he purchased of Thomas Elder but on proceeding to make a return thereof I ~~found~~ that instead of ~~the~~ surveying the land that was first surveyed by Z. Butcher to John Elder that has taken in a large piece of ~~between the Elders~~ John Smiths Land & altered the partition line as settled by myself in 1759, and in August last run a new partition line dividing (Butcher first survey & the piece taken off John Smith) between the Elders.

but.....) This case is nearly ~~settled~~ with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~return~~ ^{return} of ~~the~~ ^{the} Deputy Surveyors were to make ~~the~~ ^{the} surveys they would be called to a severe accounting for the same by the Proprietary Agents & I should think very unjust to * as we have received late orders from the Hon^{ble} Proprietaries not to allow a Return of Survey ~~of~~ ^{for} more acres than is plant over & above the Quantity mentioned in the Warrant & allowance I hope you will make my Returns accordingly -

Further I desire that there may not be anymore Returns sent into my Office with the date of Warrant. Date of Surveyors persons names, ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~names~~ ^{names} wrote on a Return without a note under with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~names~~ ^{names} diggging the same was by myself -

I am etc
Jm. Huband

* however I hope you will settle the matter that Rees may have his patent for 200^{ac} & allow ^{out of Butchers survey} as he has paid his money for so much, & I do not find any Warrant or order for taking in any adjoining land to divide between the Elders

Daugh Draught
Shos Elder & John Elders
Land with a
line shewing how much of John Smith
Land they have taken off

October 12th 1765
Rees Dr for deches -
Copies 4c 9/-