

Esteemed Friend

Pikes Land 21<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>ma</sup> 1743.

The Bearer, Abel Griffith Obtained a Patent from the Proprietor for a piece of Land ad-  
 joyning the Northerly End of Thomas James's Land the Said James had Laid Claim to ye Same and Can  
 shew Marks about it perhaps of about 20 Years Standing. Benjamin Eastburn Survey'd it to Abel  
 Griffith Allowing sd James Land to Extend only as far <sup>which lyeth</sup> that way as his Neighbour Gormans, on ye  
 West Side of the sd James; He Thought himself Injured & That he was Short of Quantity So App-  
 lyed for a Resurvey I had an Order from ye Sur<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Dated ye 4<sup>th</sup>.: 17<sup>th</sup>. 1739 Upon which, at ye  
 Request of sd James I measured all ye lines necessary & found his Land to Contain 630<sup>ac</sup> Exclusive  
 of that Claimed by Abel Griffith which I suppose to be James Complement or more of which Re-  
 turn are made to ye Serv<sup>r</sup>s Office & afterward Abel obtained his Patent but About a Year ago sd  
 James Sued A. Griffith for a Tresspass which Suit is now to be tryed next Court. The Sherriff &  
 Six men to be on ye Jury Came to ye Spott last Seventh Day and two Surveyors (to shew the Lines  
 of ye Land in Dispute) of whom I was one We Upon Searching found Old Marks (viz, <sup>4</sup> old Notch-  
 ed trees on ye same Course of the Old <sup>Line</sup> about 5 p. Southerly of the Place that Benjamin Run  
 for the Said Griffith, which I am fully of Opinion was made for the Northern Bounds of  
 the Land now in the Tenure of sd James. I am in some doubt that some of ye Jury Incline  
 to favour Tho<sup>s</sup> James for one of th<sup>em</sup> Desired Griffith to make it up with James to Quit  
 Claim to ye Land if James wou'd pay the Law Charges I had an Expectation that ye  
 Land here in ye Valley both East & West of T. James's had been Bounded Northerly by One

Continued line thus.

	Abel Griffith	but they say here	
	E. N. E. 204 or 6 <sup>p</sup>	is land lately Sold	
		by ye Proprietor to George Hugh	
Thos. Jerman.	Thos. James.	Llewelyn Dairy.	I am concerned to Assist ye Weak and Innocent & to stand for ye Honour of Our Proprietor & ye Care & Integrity of his of- ficers. which motives will prevail with thee I believe to Read these Tardy Lines & add thy Assistance I am in haste thy Loving Friend Sam. Lightfoot.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in  
 the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made  
 comformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of  
 February 1833, I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
 the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg,  
 this twenty ninth day of November 1907.

*Henry Howell*  
 Secretary of Internal Affairs.