

Pike Land ye 11th of 3^d. M^o 1745.

Esteemed Friend

William Parsons

My Intelligence is yet so Defective that I cannot find y^e Boundaries of y^e Proprietors Land Adjoyning Abel Griffith to make a Compleat Draught of y^e same to Lodge in y^e Office But have Drawn One th^t Perhaps may Serve Abil's Occasion at Present and as to y^e other part of thy Order, Thomas James is Possessed of a Tract of Land in y^e Great Valley in Ches^t Co^y Surveyed Originally to John Mordant for 500^{as} and upon this General Resurvey was Reported by Da^d Powell to Contain 607^{as} which upon his Return (as I am Informed) the Same was Confirmed by Patent to Col. Evans The Sur^r Gen^l in a Draught Sent to me about 5 Years ago Described y^e said Land 496 P^s in Length and 196 in Breadth the Land of Thomas Jerman on y^e Western Side. & y^e land of Abel Griffith then lately Patented to him on y^e Northern End the 3 tracts making One Common Cor^r at a heap of Stones which is by all Acknowledged to be y^e Cor^r of Enoch Walkers land, a successor to y^e said Jerman: But Thomas James claimeth 78 p^s More Northerly to a B.O. at y^e Western & a hickory at y^e Eastern Corners including all y^e land Granted by Patent to Abel Griffith and Shows marks that appear upon Opening ^{Some of} the Trees to be of about 24 Years standing. My Return to y^e Office dated ye 19th of Jaⁿ. 1739 will Show further Circumstances of y^e Case which is of a Resurvey that Tho^s James Procured by y^e Prop^r Order on his Tract Exclusive of A. Griffiths Claim. On the 8th. Ins^t. The Sheriff & Six Men as part of y^e Jury to be on y^e Tryall between y^e sd. Parties Viewed y^e Lines of y^e Land in Controversie (in the Presence of y^e Parties Concerned) They Seem to be Impartial & Unexceptionable Men. So if y^e Tryal Come on at court we may expect a True Decision. One William Powell, I think, Obtained a Patent for y^e Land now held by Enoch Walker Successor of Thomas Jerman Bearing Date in May 28 & Recorded in Brochdens Office about 5 Years ago which Beganeth at y^e Corner of Jⁿ Mordants Land Thence by y^e same S. S. E. 400 p. & c. If a Copy of y^e Boundaries were had from y^e Recorder and of y^e Surveys Remaining in y^e Office of Mordant & Powell, as they ly Contiguous, it would be an Additional Help to y^e keeping Thomas James within his proper Limits. For those marks Round y^e 3 Sides of Abel Griffiths land to which T. James Claimeth being but of About 24 years standing must have been a bold Encroachment on y^e Property of Our Land lords Which hath no Colour of Support (th^t I know or have heard) But two Witnessess who say they saw David Powell Shew ^{them} upon Some Occasion as y^e Lines of Mordants Land between 20 & Thirty Years ago.

I am thy Assured Friend Sam^l Lightfoot.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably 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 Fowler
Secretary of Internal Affairs.