It is impracticable to trace, by a mere inspection of the papers produced, which of the controverted claims is genuine. We do not know the persons or hand writing of the Parties. If the question only rested upon which of two genuine Conveyances (where the person entitled has fraudulently sold his claim twice) it would be easy to establish a criterion, in favor of the oldest Deed. But we have no means to ascertain whether the fraud originates with the Party entitled, or is imputable to a forgery of his name. May, both conveyances may, for aught we know, be within the latter description.

Under these circumstances, it cannot be expected that we should make ourselves responsible; but any mode of adjustment that the Attorney General can suggest will be adopted.

A. J. D
3d June 1796

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May 31, 1796

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