

To the Honourable the Proprietary

Benja: Eastburn humbly represents. That whereas the late Comm^r of Property by their warrant bearing date ye—day of
Anno Dom— did authorize & require ~~the~~ J. T. to lay out out to — in right of the original purchase of —————
the quantity of 24 ^{ac} within ye Liberties of ye City Philadelphia & the 5^d son of the 5^d J. W frequently applying to the 5^d J. T. to
lay out the 5^d land could not obtain a survey thereof. He being much discouraged by his unsuccessful applications sells the
right thereof to W. C. an Inhabit^t of the township of Blockley about ye year 1732 After wch ye 5^d W^t Couch soon prevails
with the 5^d J. T. to lay out to him the 5^d quantity of 24 ^{ac}. 1732

W^m Gouch an Inhabit^t ~~an inhabitant~~ having ^{about ye^r 1732} purchased of T. W^m a right to 24 acs of Liberty land
The then Surveyor General at the laying out the same depending on the Integrity of sd Gouch intrusted him & his servant
to carry ye chain, & running the several courses thereof directed ^{them} to exten^d the several distances as noted in —
And I being lately on the spots laying out some of the adjacent land to W^m Allen found that the sd Gouch had included within
lines of his own marking by his fraudulent carrying the chain the several dist: noted — wch contain — as whereupon
I then told the sd Gouch (he being there present) he must not expect to have any more than 24 ^{ac}s and also that he must
not expect to pick out ye best of ye land after an irregular manner, but to take it regularly. And after ye^e sd survey ye^e
sd Gouch not confining himself within ye ~~the~~ bounds he had so fraudulently marked cut woods ~~of~~ the sd ~~the~~ lines
whereupon I judge it reasonable that ye^e sd 24 ^{ac}s should be laid out as in ye fig: — to include ye land he has taken ye wood of, The
wch he refuses & threatens me with the Law for attempting to try or alter the lines he hath so marked.

Further in trying the southern bounds of that piece of yet vacant Society land, I found that ye Line of ye Land laid out to — in ye year — N^o is now possessed by J.W. is extended northw^d about 11 per further than ye old line & takes from ye sd Liberty land a strip- about 11 per broad & a mile long wh^{ch} contains 32^{ac} the greatest part of ye old line is destroyed & ye land cleared but ye old corner white oak fairly marked is yet remain^g & some other trees in the sd old line till it comes to his field. The new line w^{ch} he now calls his bounds was marked a few years ago by himself as he acknowledg'd to me in ye hearing of Edw^d Warner & John Brantinal both of this city whereupon I advised him to purchase the Quantity ye line of his own making includes of those that have right to Liberty land, but he refuses either to quit claim to the sd strip, or purchase it, & says he'll complain to the Proprietor against me.

It ~~presently~~ is w^t great unwillingness that I am constrained to trouble the Proprietary with such Controversies, but all my Endeavours failing to persuade them to be content w^t what I conceive to be just, I resolve neither thro promises nor threatenings to deviate therefrom, And seeing they resolve to trouble the Proprietary therewith, I esteemed it my duty to represent the sd cases, & what further steps I shall make therein, I humbly submit ^{to} & desire the Direction of the Honourable the Propriet & shall endeavour to shew how much I am

Philadelphia 9th July 1739.

The Proprietaries Obedient & faithful Servt B.G.

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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, 1838, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this

twentieth day of June 1911

Henry A. Wallace
Secretary of Internal Affairs