

Albany 21 July 1813

Sir,

In pursuance of an act of the legislature passed April 3, 1811 authorizing me to settle with the heirs of your late father the difference between them & the state mentioned in the act. Some conferences were had between your late brother Richard and me on the subject, in which it was considered by us as necessary preliminaries to a settlement. That the deficiency in the 3rd tract of the township of Sidney should be ascertained by an accurate survey of such lines as would be necessary for that purpose. That a statement should be made of the present situation of the Gospel and Literature lots which were by mistake included in the patent of that tract showing whether any part thereof, and if so which had been disposed of, to whom, and on what terms. That an appraisement should be obtained of the value of the school and gospel lots in De Kalb for which your father had by mistake given deeds to others and also of the lots he proposed to give in exchange for them. And that the quantity and value of the meadows, secured by treaty to the Indians, on Grasse River and being part of lands belonging to your family in a trade granted to Jeremiah Van Rensselaer should be ascertained.

For the first of these purposes we agreed that William Macclure should be employed. I knew him to be competent and his residence (the town of Windsor) not very remote from the land. I instructed him to run with great care a line from the Northwest corner of the tract at right angles to the South bounds of Hooper, Wilson and Bingham's patent. South to the Pennsylvania Line, which he has done and makes the distance 472 ch 56 links strict measure. From which it appears that the tract exclusive of the two public lots is 213 acres deliressed.

Mr. Macclure's return of survey was not received by me til the beginning of last winter, And the indisposition of your brother after that prevented further progress in the business. What remains to be done has by his death of course devolved on the other heirs and I take the liberty to call your early attention to it. It is a matter of considerable consequence to your family as well as to the State that an adjustment should be made and delays may increase the difficulty.

Mr. Macclure has sent me his amount of which the subjoined is a copy, and requested me to deposit the money when received to his credit in the state bank. As the law has not authorized me to make any advances of money the expense of procuring the documents necessary for a settlement must in the first instance be defrayed on your part and such was the understanding between your brother and me.

Yours Respectfully,

Your obedient serv.

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