

Sir,

Wilmington July 12th 1804

I have taken into consideration your request
~~for you to~~ ^{that you remove from the County}
~~that I should~~ Consent ~~for you to take with you~~
the Records commonly called the Westmoreland Records

As these Records come into my hands by a Vote
of the Inhabitants of the County I thought proper not
to determine on your request until I consulted
some of the principal men on the Subject which
I have done, ~~and~~ some of them are men ^{in whom} ~~that~~ you
put the greatest confidence, and they ~~all~~ uniformly
say these Records must not be taken out of the
County, that they have no Objection against Copies
being taken, and if it was necessary would be
to pay a Clerk to Transcribe them

Under these Circumstances I shall refuse ^{to}
comply with your request and trust that ^{the refusal}
will not be construed into a disposition on my
part to Thwart the proceedings of the Commissioners
because I believe it will ^{be} acknowledge that I have
at all times furnished every Information and Document
within my power to facilitate the Business of your
Commissioners - I must confess that I do not
discover the Necessity of your taking with you
these records, when you have extracts from
them ^{I suppose} sufficiently descriptive of every essential
part of the Deed and as much so as the Extracts
furnished from the Records office when such
Extracts from the records were necessarily furnished
Therefore if there exists a necessity for the Originals

in the former ^{I apprehend} ~~the~~ Case the same Necessity exist for ~~the~~
~~the Original in the ledger~~ ~~to be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~office~~

further there are many Transactions thus recorded
that ~~do not~~ have ^{no} ~~any~~ connection with the Deeds
therefore have no connection with your Commission
but which may yet be called in question amongst
the ~~people~~ on some Occasions

I am respectfully
Yours &c &c Sir ^{Yr} L^{ts}

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