Trenton 4th March 1790

Dear Sir

My first Letter to Colonel Nelson by some means miscarried — however I have now got his Answer, which is, that he has not got a Coppy of the letter which is wanted I am apprehensive that it is not to be found.

We had verry strong reasons for writing the letter to the President of Pennsylvania We were fully acquainted with the Peculiar circumstances of the new England settlers. We knew that many of them had honestly paid for their possessions — that they verrily believed the title under which they claimed to be perfectly good — that they had cleared built upon and Improved the Land that in doing this they had encountered many Dangers and Suffered Innumerable hardships and beyond all these things, and what cannot be estimated, many of their nearest connections had Spilt their Blood in Defence of their possessions, Thus circumstanced it was manifest that they had become enthusiasts for the Land — that the reasoning of Legislatures and Statesmen could have but Little weight with them, that if the State should attempt to Dispossess them, they would become desperate and a Civil war would be the consequence. On the contrary if the State should Quiet them in their possessions they would become peaceable good citizens. And that the State could compensate those who held the Pennsylvania title, by giving them an equivalent in Lands or money at a less expence

than that of Dispossessing the Newengland Settlers
That therefore, the Interest the Humanity and
the policy of the state, would lead them to adopt the
measures that we recommended. The Letter bore no
official authority, we Subscribed it as private
Citizens, Nevertheless we did conceive that it would
have some weight as it must be apparent that
our means of Information had been better
than those of any other persons, who were Disinterested

I am with great respect
Dear Sir
your Obt. Humble Servt.
David Brearley

A true Copy of the
Original. taken at
Philadelphia March
17th 1790. By
L Butler

Copy of a Letter
from Judge Brearley
to Timy. Pickering esqr.
Dated Trenton March
4th 1790. -
Wyoming Dispute