Monticello, Aug. 30 06.

I was so much engaged while at Poplar forest that it was not in my power to answer your letter of the 21st from that place. I advise your son to apply to the Postmaster General, with whom alone the power of appointing his deputies rests, and being responsible for them. I never pretend to control his choice. The competitors usually send on to him the best recommendations they can obtain, to those he decides.

My father removed into this county, I think, in 1753. I was surveyor about a year or two, when he was succeeded by John Dawson as principal and John Staples deputy; and after a short time, Staples became principal. My father died in 1757. Staples having some time before received the books and papers of the Surveyor's office, so that they were not burnt in his house, that accident having happened 10 years after his death; nor as far as I know or believe have they ever been destroyed. They were safe I know in Bryan's time in those hands I have seen the plat books & entry books of Col. Try & Dept. Cabell, who I believe were among the first surveyors after the county was taken from Gloucester, and I have no reason to doubt they are all now safe. Accept my friendly salutations & good wishes.

Mr. John Lynch.

Th: Jefferson