Dear Sir,

Monticello May 29, 1810.

On the receipt of your favor of the 11th (which did not come to hand till the 23d.) I proceeded to examine my papers as to the information they might give you on the subject of your Green sea lands. The result I now send you, to wit, my original letter to Colo. Newton, his answer, and an entry in my pocket Memorandum book which I found under the date of Nov. 21, 99. I am not able to say where I got the information of my letter to Colo. Newton; but I have not a doubt of it, correctness, and think it highly probable. I will profess that gave me the information itself, but not recollecting from whom it came, I do not know under what name to look for it in the immense mass of my papers. The letters enclosed however are fully sufficient to enable you to get to the source of your title. If Mr. Harris executed a conveyance, it must have been recorded either in the county court of Norfolk where the lands lay, or in the General court. If he did not execute a deed, his heirs are bound to do it, if certainly will not hesitate. If he executed a deed if that is lost, it is equally incumbent on them to execute a new deed of conveyance, which, on refusal, they would be dowered to do by a court of Chancery one of whose important functions is the re-establishment of lost title papers. But Mr. Harris’ sons are honorable men, it will not put you to a suit in Chancery. The delays and expenses of which are interminable, your legal friend in Richmond cannot fail from the letters now enclosed to trace & ascertain your title.

Our central College is likely to be adopted by the legislature as their University. Our plan will call for 10 professors, whom we are determined to prose to of the first order of science in their respective lines which are procurable on either side of the Atlantic. I am named one of 22 commissioners (one from each Senatorial district) to meet at Richmond on the 1st of Aug. and to select and report to the legislature the most suitable place, on which the legislature are ultimately to decide. The expectation is that 2/3 of the votes will be for the central college, a mile above Charlottesville.
after this meeting I shall part the months of Aug. and Sept. in Bedfor.
I am still able to take the journey in an easy carriage, and intend
shall now go there within about 3 weeks. I ride also on horse back 5
or 6 miles every day, but I cannot walk further than my garden,
and weaken very fast. and notwithstanding this increasing disability
I enjoy perfect health — my wrist, the dislocation of which you remem-
ber in Paris, by its stiffening renders writing slow and painful, and
oblige me to place here the assurance of my constant & affectionate
friendship & respect.

[Signature]

Th. Jefferson