

Dr Madam,

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1794

As soon as I received your  
letter, enclosing a copy of the decree of  
Matthews Court, in the suit, Powell & wife  
vs you, I gave it to Mr Warden in Richmond  
and he told me that their (the Court of Matthews)  
proceedings had been so illegal and incorrect,  
that he could & would overret them, and for  
that purpose he wrote, as he has since told me,  
to you, such instructions as were necessary for you  
to pursue; but I find by the enclosed paper,  
which is part of a letter from Mr Warden to  
me, that he has heard nothing from you on  
the subject, but hopes that you will comply  
with his instructions, in regard to the process  
ag<sup>t</sup> Powell's Ex<sup>ts</sup>. I add my hopes most  
devoutly to his, for if you do, that business  
will be in a good way, as he writes.

We have acquired a warm friend &  
able Advocate in Mr Warden, whose Person  
though uncouth, covers a heart replete with  
sympathy & benevolence; let us cultivate

him then, and if you have any scruples  
about writing to him, for I <sup>your</sup>  
extreme delicacy in all occasions <sup>you</sup>  
have none to be sure with <sup>and to</sup>  
so that if <sup>you</sup> wish to communicate any  
matter of business to him, you may do  
it through me. Surely they did not  
sell your land to satisfy the decree in  
favour of Powell; I saw the advertisement  
and applied to Mr Tho: Tabb on the subject,  
who regretted much that the thing had  
gone so far, but hoped that the papers Mr  
Warden had forwarded to you, would arrive  
in time to stop the sale; write to me as soon  
as possible, and let me know what was  
done. Take care of your health, which  
I hear with real concern, is much impair-  
ed of late and do not suffer your spirits to  
be depressed with gloomy anticipations;  
things will be better & cannot be worse than  
they have been: always hope for the best &  
bear the worst with fortitude. God bless you  
& yours pray your affectionate Friend  
Mr Nelson