Alexandria, February 17th 1800

Sir,

Your favour of the 18th ultimo came hast to hand by Mr. Beatty, on the subject of the Deed for the 2000 acres of land purchased by you. I can only observe, that as the Deeds were made out in the names of the Howard family, they only came to me, in consequence of which I had a Deed executed by them about four years ago, and they promised to have it quitanted and recorded since which I have not heard of the proceedings, you mention that Deed is now made but not recorded. Therefore am at a loss to know whether it is the Deed I mention, or one since made, or know of whom made. I should have been happy could you have sent it by Mr. Beatty.

Wm. Byrd