Franklin, Nov. 2, 1819

My dear,

Receive your letter of the 1st October on the 29th, last week.

By the B. Streets, my friend, I have left home on the 28th of October, for Kentucky. Since I am deprived of the information I could have got from him on the subject of our land business, Mr. N. Brackett, as far as I can surmise, in the neighbourhood in time for me to have received your letter (before Major Brackett left home), I have had access to Major Brackett's papers and found the following deed of conveyance, this Indenture made the day before

Eleven the day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and ninety three between Francis Preston, Junior, Horse, thirty-three between James Preston, and James Patton, of the one part.

And Andrew D. James, of the other part, witnesseth, and doth covenant and agree unto the same to the said Francis Preston, Junior, Horse,

That pursuant to the power and authority given in and by the last Wills and testaments of the said Francis Preston, Junior, Horse, and James Patton, and for the sum of two hundred and twenty pounds by the said Andrew D. James, Brackett, paid before the sealing and delivery hereof, to Andrew Boyd, Agent, by virtue of the said of the Estate of the said Francis Preston, Junior, Horse, deceased.

That Francis Preston, Junior, Horse, and James Patton have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed and by the present deed, Bargain and sell, release, and confirm unto the said Andrew D. James, Brackett, and to his heirs and assigns.

And for certain tract or parcel of land, of which the said James Patton was seized — containing three hundred and forty-three acres (be the same more or less), being part of a large tract of land granted to the said James Patton, by letters patent, bearing date the 20th day of June MDCCLIX, lying and being in the county of
Of Wythe on the waters Club creek a branch of creek.
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Wye and bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a
Black oak and white oak corner to the land James
Brockett lives on and with his line North 50 Degrees
West 128 p. to a white and black oak corner to the 16
Brockett. South 65 Degrees West 144 poles to a white
Oak on hill side North 60 Degrees West 120 p. to two
White oak saplings on the left of a ridge. West 30 Degrees
West 300 p. to a Spanish oak on a hill side North 70
Degrees East 512 p. to the beginning. This is a true copy
Of the deed from James Preston to Andrew &
James Brockett which seems to establish the line running
Through the field as laid down in your plat.

How this mistake has arisen I cannot tell. I would have
known Major Brockett had been at home that I could
have known his opinion, as to my own part I know no-
thing about the lines, and I am at a loss to know what
I should do, I do not wish you to lose one cent by
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PS. It seems very strange that the Deed from
Preston to Andrew & James Brockett was not in
Deed on the records for the blank certificate is
On the Deed, in the same form you have received

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