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FROM THE REVEREND JAMES HORROCKS.

WM. & MARY Decr. 21. 1769.

SIR/

I am much obliged to you for the clear Account you have been pleased to send me to Day concerning the Lands to be surveyed.

I dare say you will agree with me in Opinion that it is for the Honor of the College as well as the interest of the Officers & Soldiers, that (to use the Words of the Council) “a Person properly qualified to survey these Lands be appointed by us — I have no Doubt of Mr. Crawford's being such as you have mention'd, & I beg Leave to assure you very sincerely that this my first Duty to the College being satisfied, I shall be happy in the Opportunity of shewing due Respect to the Advice of the Honble. The Governor & Council, & of properly Regarding Col: Washington's Recommendation —

I have communicated to Mr. Johnson my Sentiments on this Subject, & I believe his agree very much with mine — Mr. Camm¹ is not in Town & I imagine we shall not be collected again till after the Holy Days — I am of Opinion it wou'd be adviseable for Mr. Crawford to be here as soon as possible, I mean with his own Convenience, as I see no Impediment to retard or prevent his Success.

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I can, Sir, say no more with Propriety, & therefore I am sure you will not expect more than this —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect Your very Humble Sert. J. HORROCKS

1 Rev. John Camm, president of William and Mary College from 1771 to 1777.