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FROM THOMAS H. MARSHALL, ESQ.

March the 8th 1770

SIR/

On my way to my Quarter on this side (this day) I observed several Valuable Trees &c. cut down Worked and Working up, on my Land; as they are on that Part the Land we was on Making An Exchange, for the same Quantity in Maryland, Induces me to Immagen, you miss apprehended me in my offer's to you Relative to the same. Which I Remember well was neare as Followes, when I was at your House, I made this offer, that I would Exchange the Land I held Between the Mane Rode and Potowmack River, for the same Quantity of Land (off Mr. Alexanders) to be laid off Sutable to my Plantation in Maryland, Provided I could have the same in Immediate Use, which was then agreed to, Provided Mr. Alexander could so Dispose the same; — At Poseys sale you mentioned to me, you should be Glad to have that Matter settled Before you Went down the Cuntry, as you wanted (If the Exchange could be now made) to order sum Rales &c. cutt off the Part of Land, On which we Prevailed on Mr Alexander to cross the Rivr. with me that Evening, in order to Look at the Land, and the Part I would Exchange for, which he did, tho' then did not chuse to give Any Determined Answer, On my Seing you the Next Day (at the Sale) I acquainted you Therewith, on which you seemed still desirous of being on sum Sertenty before you Left home, I then tould you I Immagened it Would make Little Differance, for as soon as Mr. Alexander should agree to the Part I was to Take of his Land, I would then

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Acquaint Mr Lund Washington thereof when he might Proceed as you should Instruct. I never could get any Sertainty from Mr. Alexander, Consequently could not give any such Information. Indeed on the first of Jany. last I sent to Mr. Alexander Pressing him to Let me be on sum Sertainty (Inclosing him a Ruff Draft of the Plat of his Land, Shewing the Part I would have [a line mutilated] Any Particular Part of the Land, I would [mutilated] Any Part for you, But think its out of my Power this Year [mutilated] it Before &c. The Reason Mr. Alexander Mention's Peavock, (his [mutilated] I would have had, took from his Plantation, tho', Let a Viny [mutilated] for his fence, However on the Rect. of Mr Alexanders [mutilated] myself no farther Trouble, Not in the [mutilated] Suspecting, any [mutilated]¹ Would be made up of, until the Within Mentioned Proposal was Complied with. However as I impute this affair to sum Miss apprehension, Hope you will order a Stop, to any further Damage, & Make No Doubt but you will Likewise make Satisfaction for what is already dun.²

I am Sir your Most Hble serv. THOS. HAN. MARSHALL

1 This part of the original letter is so badly torn that the sense is entirely destroyed.

2 An entry in Washington's Ledger, under "Mr. Hanson Marshall," dated 1771: "By an Allowance for Timber off y Land5 . 0 . 0"