

Gilbert Simpson to George Washington, October 5, 1772, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM GILBERT SIMPSON ¹

October: ye: 5: 1772

HONOURED SR

I am informd you have not purchast Mr Fairfaxs and Thralkels² Lands the which I was in hopes you had for then I should have Expected to have Leest Sum more a joining to my loot which is Quite two Small as it is but Sr I hope thes lines will Find you in perfect good helth and bee kindly Received by your honour it is now I am going to inform you Sr of what I have been perposeing and thinking of perposeing to you as you have a plenty of good lands lying out at red Stone and unsetled I would undertak to Settle it in pardnership with you on terms of this kind which is for me to find three or foor workeing hands and as many breeding mairs and the same number or more of Cows and other Stock in perption Sr if you Should think proper to Join this with the Same Quantity of hands and Stock and Could Confer the Charge of the Same to me I should think it my greatest duty to discharge the same with the utmost Care and onnesty and as the land is so good for indion Corn and meddows I make no dout but it would in a Five years add Sumthing more to your Fortune and a Reasonable Compency of Good liveing to my Self Sr if these lines Should have the good Sucksees to find you as I hope they will in a little time I pray you would Send me answer by the first oportainity So Sr I remain

Library of Congress

your humble Servant GILBT. SIMPSON LOWDOUN

1 Washington's Ledger shows business dealings with Gilbert Simpson, Senior and Junior, from 1760 to 1787, and a partnership entered into with "Mr. Gilbert Simpson" in March, 1773, the accounts of which were not finally settled until September, 1784.

2 Elijah Threldkeld?