

Angus McDonald to George Washington, January 8, 1774, with Reply on Verso, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MAJOR ANGUS McDONALD. ¹

FREDERICK COUNTY 8th. Jany. 1774

SIR/

you have a plantation on powtomack about 12 miles above the warm spring and near my plantation, there is on[e] worthington Lives on your Land that dos you no good. if you will Send me directions I will Put some body on it that will Either pay rent or make some Improvement I am Sir with Esteem your obedient

Servant ANGUS MCDONALD ²

¹ Angus McDonald was of Scotch descent. He was in active service throughout Dunmore's war, but was arrested as a dangerous loyalist at the outbreak of the Revolution, for attempting, with Alexander McDonald, to raise a regiment "against the liberties of America." The home of the McDonalds, "Glengary," was near Winchester, Va. It was named after the Highland clan to which the family had belonged in Scotland.

² On the 28th. of this Inst. Jany. I gave the within Majr. McDonald a power to Rent the Land there mentiond from year to year or for a term of years not exceeding five to the best advantage he could and to receive the Rents for my use.— G WASHINGTON 1774 (Note on the back of manuscript.)