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CRAVEN HOUSE Aprill the 6th 1710

Present

His Grace the Duke of Beaufort.

Maurice Ashley Esq^r

Sir John Colleton Barr^t

John Danson Esq^r

Agreed that the Baron de Graffenried and M^r Lewis Michel shall have a lease of all royal mines and minerals in the Province of Carolina that they shall discover and work for the term of 30 years, they being at the entire charge The produce of it to be divided into eight parts whereof four eights are to be paid to the Lords Proprietors the other four eights to the said Baron de Graffenried and M^r Lewis Michel for the term of 5 years after any such Mines shall be found and opened. But after the afores^d term of five years then the Lords to have five eights, the said Baron de Graffenried and M^r Lewis Michel three eights the Lords being to pay the Crown the fourth part according to the Words of the Charter.

Ordered that the Secretary do give a copy of these Minutes to the Baron de Graffenried which was done accordingly.

[FROM POLLOCK'S LETTER BOOK.]

A COPY OF A LETTER TO M^r CHENIN: AND M^r BOYDS

VIRGINIA April 16. 1710

GENTLEMEN

I should have been glad to have had the happiness of enjoying your good Company with the President and M^r Knights, and still hope (when your leisure permits) you will come and spend a day or two with us in this Wilderness. I thought it my duty to communicate to you what news I lately had in a letter from Mr Frederick Jones. Hé writes to me that Mr. Lawson, having been lately at his house, informed him that the Lords Proprietors are desirous of having Col Cary called to a strict account for their dues: and that also (after their ambiguous manner) they

have directed some warrants and precepts to the President and Council, and by what he could gather from M^r Lawson, not naming Col Cary, but he seemed rather inclined to believe, if directed to any person, they are to President Glover. So that M^r Jones thinks it would be proper that some person should discourse M^r Lawson in order to concert such proper methods as may put the government again on its proper foundation: to which he seems to think M^r Lawson may be persuaded to incline, both on the Lords Proprietors account and also on his own. Now as I am very much persuaded that the Lords Proprietors would not direct any writings, precepts or warrants to Col Cary as President, nor anywise acknowledge the legality of his pretended presidentship: so likewise I am apt to believe they would not direct them to President Glover. My reason is because the Lords Proprietors knowing what confusion is in the country they would not be willing by openly joining either party, to foment, the difference, until the Governor or Deputy Governor arrives. But it seems more reasonable to me, (considering the Lords Proprietors common way of acting) to believe that these writings were only directed to the President and Council without naming any particular person, with some instructions to M^r Lawson or M^r Gale how they shall proceed therein. And I believe it very necessary to dissuade, all ye can, from applying in any manner to Col. Cary as President: and I believe it would do very well to assist at this time President Glover with what you can, with your advises and otherwise. What news you have from M^r Gale or any otherwise of moment, please to acquaint me by the bearer, and of the proceedings of this last (wise) Council at Perquimans, if they had any. And if any news of any moment comes to me, you may be sure to have them from him who really is

Gentlemen your L^o S

T. P.

Mr Chevin

Having a few skins to send out by the first opportunity, would intreat the favour of your advise whether Mr Porter in carrying out his skins hath not opened their eyes as to the illegality of that Assembly, and whether may not send out some without paying their unreasonable and illegal duty. Also, the above from M^r Jones have not communicated to any person but yourselves, wherefore would intreat your secrecy therein.

[FROM POLLOCK'S LETTER BOOK.]

A COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO PRESIDENT GLOVER
BY M^r MAULE

VERGINIA April 16:

Hon^d Sir

Wednesday the 12th instant Tho. West returned from M^r Jones who informed me that M^r Lawson was just gone from his house when Tho. West came; and that M^r Lawson informed him that the Lords Proprietors are desirous of having Col. Cary called to a strict account for their dues. And also after their ambiguous manner have directed some warrants and Precepts to the President and council: and by what he could gather from him not directed to Col. Cary; but if directed unto any one; M^r Jones conjectures they are directed to your Honor: So that M^r Jones thinks it would be proper for your Honor to get M^r Knight or some other fit person to discover M^r Lawson in order to concert such proper methods as may put the government on its proper foundation, to which he seems inclined to believe M^r Lawson may be drawn, both on account of the Lords Proprietors and also on his own account. The above notice is the substance of M^r Jone's letter. Having the above written I am very apt to believe the Lords Proprietors would not direct any writings, Warrants, or precepts to Col. Cary as President, nor any wise acknowledge the legality of his pretended Presidentship. Neither do I imagine they have directed them to your Honor by reason that knowing the confusion in the country, they would not be willing (by openly joining either party) to foment the differences. But it seems more reasonable to me (considering the Lords Proprietors common way of acting) to conjecture that these writings are only directed to the President and council, without nameing any particular person, with some instructions to M^r Lawson or M^r Gale how they shall proceed therein. Now if it should be so, and that M^r Gale and M^r Lawson (considering the justness of the cause, the Lords Proprietors interest and their own advantage) should incline to apply themselves to your Honor, as President it is to be well considered of how it could be managed for want of Deputys, or, if their were Deputies, wheither it were worth while to be at the trouble of new modelling and settling the government for such a little time as until the Governor or Deputy Governor's coming in, especially not knowing what alterations may be then made; or, may be, some mistake might fall out in the man-

agement, which might tend to the disadvantage of our cause: and whether it might not be better if M^r Gale and M^r Lawson could be persuaded not to apply themselves to either, but to stay until the Governor or Deputy Governor's arrival.

But if M^r Lawson and M^r Gale be so very earnest to have their commissions recorded that they may go on the execution of their Office, and pretend a necessity of applying themselves to one or the other, I believe it would be well to lay before them, in applying to Col. Cary, not only the unjustness of it in acknowledging an unlawful government there scarcely being one of the Council legally qualified, but also the damage that may thereby accrue both to the Lords Proprietors and themselves: all of which I know your Honor can safely make appear to them. And I believe, if the pretended Council fall — acting it might do better if they would apply themselves to your Honor. And I believe likewise it would be very necessary to persuade them if possible not to apply to nor acknowledge Col. Cary and his pretended Council

Hon^d Sir I am sorry we are so separated that we can not communicate together, but I leave to your prudent management, who I know will do the best you can for the Lords Proprietors interest and good of the country, which is earnestly wished by

Sir Yours

T. P.

Hon^d Sir Pray let me hear by the bearer all the proceedings of this last Council, or any other news of moment.

Sir Yr

T. P.

Postscript April 15th 1710

Hon^d Sir I have been two or three days longer in sending this than I intended by reason I had some expectations of seeing M^r Reading here: but he not coming, I thought it was not necessary to stay longer, and have no more to add but only to remind your Honor that, albeit, it be very necessary to dissuade M^r Gale and Mr. Lawson from applying to or any way acknowledging Col. Cary and his pretended Council, yet I believe you ought seriously to consider and duly weigh all circumstances, in retaking the government, unless as above said these writings directed from the Lords Proprietors to your Honor, and to uphold the Government from falling. I have not communicated any of this matter to any person besides your Honor, but to M^r Chevin and M^r Boyde, who I doubt not are trusty, and will be ready to serve or advise you Honor in any thing they can.

[FROM POLLOCK'S LETTER BOOK.]

A COPY OF A LETTER TO M^r JOHN LAWSON, BY M^r
MAULE, TO BE LEFT FOR HIM AT
PRESIDENT GLOVER'S.

M^r Lawson

May 27th 1710

Almost ever since you left America I have been removed to Virginia, not being willing to live under a government I knew was altogether illegal, and to avoid occasion of difference; and I was glad to understand of your and Major Gale's arrival from England, hoping that you may have brought some order's, or at the least news of the settling of the Government. I doubt not you knew that upon M^r Porter arrival from England, with the instruments of writing from the Lords Proprietors superceeding Col. Cary, and giving all the power of Administration of the government to the President, that I was not present nor at the choosing M^r Glover President, neither at any other of their meetings, until your meeting at my house in may, after being about half a year having been sickly all that time, at which meeting at my house, I, being of opinion that Col. Cary had hard measure in seising his brigantine, endeavoured all I could to bring all matter to agreement, which I effected at that time; when M^r Glover was allowed of and confirmed President by Col. Cary, M^r Porter, and all the Council and proclamations issued out to command the obedience of all the people to [the] then established government, So that the consideration of the commission from the Lords Proprietors to the President, their being no other President they could direct to, neither they knowing of any other, and the first chosen by all the Deputys in the government but myself, and then the last confirmation by all the council, with the proclamation aforementioned, fully satisfied me of President Glover's right to the Presidentship. So that I was obliged by the oath of fidelity to the Lords Proprietors to obey President Glover's lawful orders, and maintain the Lords Proprietors Government so far as lay in my power; and acted nothing but by the Presidents order. And I am conscious to myself that I acted for no particular interest of my own, for I could in all reason [have] Expected as much favour on any account from Col. Cary, if he had continued in the government, as from President Glover. But it was altogether on account of what I was obliged to do. And having acted so, I did not think it necessary to trouble the Lords Proprietors with letters from me who acted only under

another as a great many others in the government did. Notwithstanding all which precautions it seems some malicious persons, out of particular hatred they had to me, or rather to clear themselves of what they were guilty of, have endeavoured falsily to inform the Lords Proprietors that I was a cause of the late troubles.

Wherefore, Sir, not doubting, but you have some knowledge not only of what M^r Porter, M^r Moseley, and that party have writ to the Lords Proprietors, but also of the Lords Proprietors sentiments, and orders to their Governor, or Deputy Governor, thereanent, would earnestly intreat the favour of you to acquaint me with the whole matter, (if you be not obliged no ways to the contrary) and assure yourself, if you think it necessary, it shall be locked up in my breast, not to be divulged untill you please, and also your kindness in it shall be ingraven in my mind in indelible characters.

Also, Sir, I have another favour to beg of you. There being a young gentleman (the bearer hereof) one M^r W^m Maule on whom fortune hath frowned, having been twice taken by the French and lost very considerably, and being, I believe, very capable of surveying, (if you have not deputed any other in Albemarle county or at least in Chowan precinct) you will find him (if it lie within your conveniency to depute him) capable, diligent, and faithful, and it will be a very great obligation to

Yr S^t S^r

T. P.

Postscript Sir If you have not an opportunity to send me an answer by M^r Maule, (who, may be, will not have the opportunity of seeing you) send it to Mr. David Henderson's, or to Robert West's at Choan, where I doubt not of having it safe.

[FROM N. C. LETTER BOOK. S. P. G.]

VESTRY OF CARATUCK TO THE SOCIETY.

August 25 1710.

We the Church Wardens and Vestrymen as representatives and at the request of the Precinct and Parish of Caratuck in N. Carolina do desire to offer our grateful acknowledgements in the most humble and hearty manner to the most Rev^d Father in God Thomas Lord ABp. of Canterbury &c. President and the rest of the members of the Society for