

Triskills the 26th Aug^r 1785

Dear Sir

I am much concerned at the difficulties Mr. Briggs meets with in obtaining the peaceable possession of the farm he purchased of Stephen Huff; and as the Estate of Mr. Vignolles is at present circumstanced that it is in our power to do so little for his relief. I should however imagine that Mr. Huff unless his having been within the lines should prove an obstacle, will have it in his power to sue for redress; but as this remedy would prove tedious and expensive I could wish that any other method was tried. I can hardly think that Crawford will long obstinately persist in holding the possession of a farm to which he can have no manner of right. Mr. Drake having had positive directions to let the vacant farms only from year to year and he well knows that it was the determined purpose to return them to the respective Lessees whenever they should be suffered to return to their homes. I have persuaded Mr. Briggs to endeavour to do what he could by gentle means and the Interference of friends and by shewing Crawford some little Indulgence till he can suit himself with a place.

Mr. Barber Agent for settling continental debts is arrived at Poughkeepsie. I purpose calling on him in a day or two and show that Mr. Rooney has procured the Vouchers. As he then might include the whole Demand

in one settlement, unless you think it best to defer the matter
till he gets to West Chester County. With respectful compliments
of all here to Mrs. Carr and family. I am with Esteem

Dear Sir.

Yours most humble Servant
Sam^l Vesplanck

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