

Newport. May 30th 1792.

My dear Friend. -

Amidst the Embarrassments in which I am involved, there is one which perplexes me not a little - not only on my own account, but as to its Consequences respecting others. -

The matter I allude to you, is an Agreement, made with the Ohio Company, - by Mr. Craigie, Thier, and myself in behalf of the Tracto Proprietors, for the Purchase of a Tract of Land, to accommodate the present Settlers at Gallipolis - the Particulars of which Mr. Craigie will acquaint you with. - I had Every Reason to suppose that these Lands would not have been included, in the Tract designated by the Act of Congress for the Ohio Company - and if Gen^l Putnam and Mr. Custer, had acted with Candor, I presume they would not have been. - The Fact however is, that all the Town of Gallipolis, and the Lands now immediately adjoining it are Included - in consequence of which the Settlers, are left to the Tender Mercies of the Directors, who with Cover their Lands, and Improvements - This Apprehension is so strong in their minds, that it threatens to break up the most valuable Colony, in all the Western Country - and not only that

but to involve Mr. Gayle. Third, & myself in a Contest of a very
Disagreeable Nature, with the Ohio-Association - I find by the Act
relative to the Ohio Purchase, that the Trust, actually defined,
does not include, the whole of the Land, which the Directors
Engaged to Convey to us. for the Scioto-Association - If therefore
the Supplementary Grant of Land can be so shaped, as not
to include the Residue of the Land which they agreed to give
us Title for, we shall stand on a Footing, to settle with them
on Grounds favorable to the Settlers, as well as ourselves -
May I request your friendly Aid, in preventing any further
Steps being taken, which will defeat so just an End -
This can only be done by a Representation to the President - if
you think any thing which I under my present Circumstances can
say, - will have any Effect to defeat the Antient Design of the
Ohio Directors, let me know - and I will write such a Letter, as
you may judge advisable -

I remain your Obedt. Servant. A

After you write to me at Newark, - I will by a Communication of
your Letter to him - I will answer this Letter, in a few days.

and am in the mean while,

Yours very affectionate &
Obliged Friend.

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A. Hamilton Esq.

New York May 30th 1792.

PS - As the Time we agreed with Putnam & Curber, for the
Land alluded to, it was never understood that we were
(but clearly, and Explicitly the Reverse)
personally responsible - nor do I think they can make us so

however it has been insinuated to me, that some of
the Ohio Directors, mean to attempt it -

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