

LETTER. FRANCIS WHITWELL TO GOV. ANDROS RELATIVE TO A TRACT OF LAND GRANTED TO HIM ON DUKE CREEK.

Most worthy and honored Sir.

Whereas your Excelency haueing granted me a certan tract of Land situate & Laying in duck Creek and being seated thereon with my ffamily the improvement therof which I haue not bene A wanting a place when I Com and move in this place than any one perticler to the Expence of A great deal of mony and Lose that I haue got by ffire which burnt me Vpwards of one hundred ffoot of Land and the greatest part of it ffull of tobaco Vpon the said Land being thousand Acors which was to my dameg one hundred pound sterling the Acasion of Laing thes things before your Excelency is that your Excelency should be wrong informed by some persons that in these parts from Long Island who had som pretences vpon the Land for a town which none would Like them but all that I haue belonging to my Land for the Coming att the water being all sunken and more only that part which they could att present I am seated upon the outermost part A pretty distance that conuenience affore mencioned, but am now A bulding with to remoue to the said conuenience it being your Excelencys pleasure yit me douts not the Confirmation therof ther being other yett anofe that may be Judged bettr Conuenences both for watter all so for medow but opasett over the creek therefor hoping that your Excelency will be pleased that wee who haue been the first settlers in this part of the Cuntry may be InCureged in the Injoyment of the Conuenences and preueliges that your Excelency hath giuen us, that is all that doth Induse into this place so Leauing it to your excellency I haue one thing mor to acquaint your Excelency that as yet your Excelency hath not comisionated any person in this county to be Shrefe but hath Dputed att the present to serve in that offiss until your Excelency pleased to depute whom your Excelency think fitt the person, which now serue named pettr Bacom is a person that hath fformerly ben in a good ffasion but is ffalen to decay and groweth ansent and too weak to Labor iff your Excelency will be pleased to be slow itt he would kindly except of it ffrom your Excelency and he is thought by the Cort to be the fittest person that your Excelency could make choyce of withal I conclude in obedance to your Excelency's pleasure whil I am

FFRANCIS WHITWELL.

St. Jones the 20th November.