

some reason had forfeited his land, and ~~or~~ perhaps had died without heirs, and that Emory, becoming aware of the fact - applied for a warrant of escheat - accompanied by a grant - to himself. A collateral heir would not get the lands by escheat.

I will carry your letter to the Hist. Soc. and see if I can find out anything about the Vanderford tract. Failing there, you could probably get the history of the title from the Land Office at Annapolis.

I suppose that for some cause the land had been escheated (or become subject to escheat) and this may have been a matter of public notoriety when Emory offered to buy it. A "warrant of esch^t." may mean simply a grant conveying escheated land.

Some time ago I had a circular from your Bureau asking if I desired still to receive the monthly bulletin. To this I replied that these bulletins might be stopped, but that I desired still to receive the bound vols. of Commercial Relations. My son places them in his

professional library and finds them very useful.

Faithfully yours

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