a good deal of time and money it is said By as good a Lawers as can be had about here as well as I have been informed that ~~you~~ By paying a few Dollars Every year or so that It would be Impossible for you to Ever get hold of it again some others has been trying to forge the opinion that you have no substantial Right to it therefore i feel it my duty to let you know the minds of the people in regard to you and your family sir I write to you to know of you if it is consistant to let me know what you are a doing towards getting the land or what way you have been thinking about getting or trying to getting it Dear sir you have a right to do the best way you can to procure your rights But I have the opinion that I can put you in the way of getting it By not paying as much money as you would probaly have to pay if you way to go through a process of law

I will Just demand of you how much money you will give certainly in cash for peacable possession on the first day of January next 1858 or likely before Please answer this Letter immediately and let me know what youre a doing or what youre going to do or what you intend to do in regards to the question that i have proposed Direct your Letter to Millington

No more at Present

But Remain yours

Most sincere Friend

John L. States

Feb 20th 1857