The Opportunity for carrying this resolution into effect did not occur until 1794, when, having received an excellent Character of Mr. William Kerr worthy as a Man of Integrity & a very diligent & accurate Surveyor, I employed him to execute a Warrant of Resurvey on Running Mead under Mr. Duval, which he performed very much to my satisfaction — He carried with him Articles of Agreement which many of the Owners of adjoining Tracts signed in Approbation of the fixing Stones, nor did I ever hear of any person objecting to the Measure, & he fixed One hundred and Six of those Boundaries, very much to the interest of the Neighbooring landholders. He had directions to run the lines of all the adjoining Tracts with the Approbation of the Owners, with the usual allowance for Variation of the Compass, & as he found my lines ran, in two instances, into older Surveys, he purchased from the Owners who lay foul of their land, & thus completed the Resurvey at very great Expence to the Satisfaction of all concerned, as far as I had an Opportunity of learning — The preceding Statement is made to convince you that no labour or expence has been spared to prevent the lines of my land from interfering with those of my Neighbours, I shall only observe that, as Rose's Range calls for the Meadow with which it runs six courses, & he only two Courses after departing from the end of the seventh line of the Meadow, where there is a stone placed in a Millrace, until it reaches Coolspring. Viz S. 53 E. 264 perches to a Stone, then S. 10 E. 115 perches to the end of the 9th line of Coolspring, You can have an Opportunity of ascertaining precisely how much of Hard Grubbing is included in Rose's Range in running the first of these two lines which is the 44th of Rose's Range, an allowance of nearly three degrees ought to be made for the Variation of the Compass, as that Track was surveyed in March 1750, & in the Courts of Law it is the Rule to allow a Degree of Variation for every 20 Year — In your case it should be greatly a Loss to ascertain the true location of any one line of the Resurvey on Hard Grubbing, as the only Boundary called for is at the Beginning of the Original, & the Surveyor neglect to establish a permanent Boundary at the end of the 8th line of the Original, where he plans the Beginning of the Resurvey, affords Reason to suspect that he was not an adept in his professional line, & the Resurvey is admirably calculated to lead you into Litigation, as the lines are eternally shifting their location, & clashing with the adjoining lands — It may be of some Moment to you to consider how you can justify the removal of Mr. Warner's fence & taking possession illegaly of land which I am informed hath been inclosed & cultivated by People holding under me more than twenty Years — On the whole I recommend to you to accommodate that dispute with Mr. Warner as speedily & on the best terms you can, otherwise a suit must ensue, attended with more trouble & expence than the Value of the land in dispute.

I shall only add that I with the most friendly Views, I have candidly ~~submitted to your candour~~ laid before you my Opinion & Observations on the Subject agitated betwixt you & Mr. Warner, in hopes of preventing a suit which must be attended with much trouble & expence, in which as I have made no General Warranty for the landed Mr. Warner am no legally interested, yet, as I am obliged to support the title I made to him, which I believe to be just. I feel myself under an honourable Obligation to give all the Assistance in my power, and regret that ought be against you, whose friendship I would ever wish to retain —

With great regard I am very respectfully your most Obed. Serv.
U. S

Mr. Madison — Jan. 1805