Letter to Robert Morris Sept. 1, 1784.

Sir, Forest of — Redwood Sept. 1. 1784.

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I have delayed answering your favor of the 15th July till this time, in hopes of investigating your title to the Lands contracted for, but as yet I have not been able to procure the necessary papers, though Mr. Hunter has been so obliging as to undertake to furnish them — Mr. R. Potts will or ~~can~~ give the data which respect the Lands & if he is satisfied with the validity of your right, will exchange my bond for yours, ~~which I may be induced to give, if I shall be satisfied with the validity of your right~~ ~~that so much time~~ my motive was ~~that~~ for requesting a general warrant was to avoid the delay which searching records at a considerable distance ~~would~~ necessarily occasions, & guard against defects, which the one or the other, if we had traced Mr. Pacan's title ~~before you purchased~~ ~~the contract~~ ~~I thought~~ it was but prudent that I should be acquainted with the validity of your title, & having engaged to pay a dear price I did not think it was either unreasonable or improper to

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