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Dear Sir,

I had hoped for the pleasure of seeing you before this time, and therefore did not write to you the result of my communication to Col. S. H. Parker, Register of the Land Office at Richmond. The only evidence which, it wd. seem, he has found among the records, of Richard Lee's claim to be heir of P. R. F. Lee, is the following endorsement on the back of the order in Council, dated 21st. June 1784, viz. "I certify that Richard Lee Esq. of Mary=land is heir to Capt. P. R. F. Lee." Signed "Henry Lee, Jr."

Senator Corwin has rec.d an answer from Gen. Vance to the letter which Mr. C., according to his promise to you, wrote to Gen. V. This gentleman states that the land, in his opinion, is worth from 6 to 8 dolls. per acre, & much of it worth more. Enclosed is a statement which accompanied Gen. Vance's letter to Senator Corwin. It so happens that the writer of it, Mr. John A. Corwin, ~~was~~ is now here. I have conversed with him, and think it important that he and you shd. have an interview. He possesses considerable information on the subject, and seems intelligent and frank. He will go to N. York this evg. and return hither about Tuesday next, perhaps sooner. I have promised him to request you to meet him here as near Tuesday as you can; and I trust that you may find it convenient to do so. Bring your papers, and the statement herewith sent.

On receiving this letter, please to drop a line to

Yours very truly,

P. R. Fendall

John Lee Esq.

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