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Gent^l: I hope you will more carefully consider the
Creepers affair as it is yet before you, & come nearer the
truth than I suppose you are at present; as to what Mr^r Emerson
says abt the worth of the Land he is vastly mistaken. Had I not
purchased the Land & the two mill privileges, I could not have been
so positive. I esteem the two privileges only, worth at least
100 Dollars & the Land had they never have entered upon it
as Land is, I'd now worth at least 200 Dollars. Those Lots
I formerly had out, at 120 each, if you are determined to
settle it so, they have one half. The Tenant but ^{thinks} upon further ^{agents} ~~can~~
you must alter your mind as to it; if you consider the damage
they have done us by keeping us out of possession of our Just
Rights, in allowing a ^{purchase} ~~share~~ of 4th 156 acres in order to give
the Timber which they did, ^{which was of great value} have had the use of our Privileges, to
build mills on for ~~upwards~~ 30 years; 8 years of which has been since we
have demanded it in the Law the profits in that time I doubt not
has been more than 200 Dollars to you, beside putting us to
33:18th 6 Lawfull money lost since the Sute was first commenced
in 1762 beside Time & Trouble & the Cost since the Case was
limited to you; as to what Cap. Cralley Tolls Mr Emerson abt
added being to be found. I am content it should go by virtue
of a Deed. (tho^t I believe it all ~~is~~ ^{is} false, and that the whole ^{affair} has
been a Joke & Scheme) provided they pay us the overplus
money. which then ^{was} as appears abt 60 Dollars beside the Tax
& Charge with the Interest at 6% per Cent, which will amt now
to 240 Dollars. If you shall think proper to give them any
part of the Land, let it be divided ^{at} ~~off~~ according to Quantity &
Quality Exclusive of the mill privileges which we think they
have not the least shadow of, claim too, or let us have
the full value of what the promise you allowed to hold &
warrants - otherwise, let the affair ~~be~~ ^{be} subside &
let it be found in the Law. & I will Refund what
they have ~~at~~ you at Durham as before
old Isaac Votter, I am Gent^l & ob^d serv^t Philiman

As for Beens Saving the Right from being forfeited
there was nothing in that, for there never was one Right
in nothing^m forfeited. Tho^t not one half of them ever comply with
the Charters. & a number of them, never any thing Done to
them Except paying the Taxes — which we allway paid. Except
abt 20^t old which ^{rebuys} ~~had~~ paid & had the Sale of the Lot been
Completed, we should have been great Gainers. by having
the over plus money. So that I think there can be no
allowance made but only for the Sum been paid; and
the Damage we have sustain by being kept out of
our Land, or the over plus money is Ten Times more
then that am^t. you see how the Land was sold 25 years ago
at vendue for 141 £ which was at 8^d to 70 dollars. & its liboly was struck
off at half the value, notwithstanding. it is now deemed of so little
Value, I have sold the year past for about 600^m Two Lots of
Land about Six miles above this Lot, ^{9^d upwards of 300 acres} and the Land not better if
so good as this Lot with mill priviledge; for two Dollars p^r acre in Cash
~~down~~ & on Interest ^{for what} was not p^d down