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## John Tabham, Phineas Pemberton, August 5, 1695

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Friend Phineas

Burlington Jr, the 26<sup>th</sup> / 1695

I have bin long damnified, & long patient w<sup>th</sup> Claws Johnson upon Neshaminy Creek; he not only having for many years scanda-  
lized my title to my Land there, but damnified me also in its yearly  
Produce. For tho' frequently forbidden by me, yet he still cuts & carries  
off the grasps of a Meadow I have there, w<sup>ch</sup> I long since dearly bought &  
paid the Gold himself for in England (as his Receipt under his own  
hand will make appear) was put into Possession <sup>of the same</sup> by the General  
Surveyor, Thomas Holmes assisted by his Deputy Israel Taylor the 13<sup>th</sup>  
of July 1688, & had it patented to me accordingly.

I find, & have long found, & not only I, but whosoever besides have  
bin misfed & pester'd w<sup>th</sup> their Neighbour-hood, that it is an inbreath-  
Property of that Family, not only to be abusive & injurious, but also  
impudent therein, & irreclaimable &c

Now my Request to y<sup>e</sup> is to forme a Declaration against this  
Claws Johnson, in an Action upon the Case suitable to the Circumstances,  
w<sup>ch</sup> proof you may perceive that the Subject matter of my suite, or  
complaint to the Court is this man's diffaming my title to my Land  
(w<sup>ch</sup> is a real, not a pretended damage, especially being desirous to sell  
sum parcels there, but hindered by this calumny) & his cutting & carrying  
off the grasps of my meadow for these six years last past, since my pur-  
chase & legal possession thereof. I request this of you, because I  
would have my Works well don, because I truly respect you, &  
knowing you to be the only Person in all that County capable to serve in  
that Station, hope to see you quickly recall'd to it. So w<sup>th</sup> true love &  
respects to you & yours I rest

Your affectionate Friend  
& humble Servitor

John Tatham

Cap. Holmes had a Warrant from the Commissioners of  
Exchequer to set out to Francis Walker his Land most contiguous  
to his improvements, also Dunck Williams his Land most contiguous  
to my improvements (I being Purchaser of Dunck Williams Land, &  
the first that made any considerable Improvement upon it) that  
so the exact Locality of the Golds, & the same being known might  
according to the tenor of the said Warrant be put into  
the Commissioners Warrant to the Surveyor General, be put into  
quiet Possession of the same; w<sup>ch</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1688 was by the gene-  
ral Surveyor executed accordingly.

July

John Latham  
Burlington  
July 26. 1895.  
to  
Pineas Pemberton.



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