

John P. Dulany vs Daniel F. Dulany Jr.

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Marshall House
Alexandria Va
Aug 27th, 1865

John P. Dulany Esq

My Dear Uncle John

I regret to hear that you suppose I will attempt to dispute your title to Oak Mount. I was informed by one of our family that your claim was about fifteen hundred dollars, with interest, & that the deed was in my mothers name—I find however by reference to the record that my informant was in error & that the property is all yours & indeed had not such ever been the case I should never have contested your right without tendering to you the debt with interest.

When OM {Oak Mount} was seized for confiscation upon the plea that you were disloyal & by the way, some of your own County, people charged you with furnishing the confederate troops with provisions and making Welborn Hall Head Qrts of part of Mosby's Battery: I appeared on the matter and stated that I had been informed that you had not voted for the ordinance of secession and also that you had remained quietly at home. Finding that the place would be sold I made a request that the sale should be stayed and the property be permitted to remain, stating at the time that if sold at a confiscation sale it would not bring the amount of your claim. I was advised to permit the sale to go on and become the purchaser myself which I declined, for the reason that I have been utterly and openly opposed to confiscation. The sale did not take place and the lands were turned over informally to me and have been in my possession ever since. I have done everything in my power to protect the place and have a claim against the Govn't for wood, finance damage to the house etc. But have never received from the General or State Govn't one dime for those claims or any other remuneration.

I write to say that I believe I can procure from a friend, the money due you if you desire to sell. Otherwise I will lease the place for three or five years at your option and put it in order-it will cost (at the present price of lumber) over one thousand

dollars to make the house comfortable and without a new roof, all except the walls will be destroyed this winter.

If neither of these propositions suit you much be assured I shall not contest your right to the premises. My object in submitting these propositions is to secure (for the present at least) a home for myself and children and for my sister and her brothers. For if I should succeed in purchasing the place, I should consider their claim as only equal with mine—If you have imaged that I intended to do you wrong I trust this communication above will dispel any such opinion. I am under too many obligations to your family to show ingratitude and certainly would not attempt a fraud.

With love to your family I am with sincere affection
Your nephew
Dan. F. Dulany

N.B.

With the exceptions I have mentioned the land and all the place is in better condition than before the war.

Sincerely

DFD