Newport April 27 1803

Colo George G. Clk.

Sir.

Mr Audley Clarke has this day called on me to draw a deed of Conveyance in this place which he is to convey to you for 320 Acres of Land conveyed to him by you by deed bearing date on the 27th December Inst. On examining your deed to him I find that it was acknowledged by you before a Commissioner appointed by the State of Pennsylvania to take the acknowledgment of deeds of Land in that State. This Officer is not authorized by our Laws to take the acknowledgment of a deed of Land in this State, the acknowledgment must be taken & certified by a Judge, Justice, Mayor or Notary Public to be valid according to our Laws. Any Judge Justice Mayor or Notary Public of any place where you may be can take the acknowledgment but no other Officer. Mr Clarke has directed that this deed be sent back to you to be acknowledged before an Officer competent by our Laws, to take the same. You will please