Newport May 1st 1833

Col. Geo. Gibbs

Dear Sir

I received your fav. 30th March in respect to the terms for your lot opposite the Banister Estate, & should have replied too it before. but there was some uncertainty as to raising sufficient funds to build a church, but that difficulty is in a great measure surmounted & there is but little doubts now but what it will be accomplished, the lot belonging to you is in a good situation although some prefer the hill or on the Parade, I however am fully persuaded if you would sell yours for $2000, on 12 Months with Interest, for approved security, they would take it, indeed I have no doubts of it. It being for a place of worship & our means small, I hope you will be willing to sell as above. it will be an ornament to the Town & I humbly trust be the means of much good. Your immediate reply will much oblige —

Your respectful friend

Sam Whitehorne

please direct your letter to J G S Whitehorne, as I am writing this on board the Steam boat, on my way to Washington —