

has been heretofore, & generally, respected. The high duties and trusts
imposed upon me, have endeavored to discharge with fidelity and impartiality,
always keeping in view the interests of the State, and the rights of the citizens.
I must take leave of my official station, and retire to the shade of private life,
and carry with me the sincerest desire, that your administration may tend to the
advancement of my native State.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest consideration,
your obedient servant
Daniel Stearns

Council Chamber

Samoa, Dec 31 1825.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th of May last, enclosing a statement relative
to an alleged grant by Lord Baltimore, to Doctor Baron Smith, of ten
thousand acres of land, between the cities of Samoa and Baltimore, was
referred to the Register of the Land Office, the Officer having custody of the
Records of all original grants of land in this State, with directions to give the
subject that full examination, which the high source of the application
demanded. I am bound on a copy of a letter received from that Officer,
by which you will be informed that after the most diligent search, no such
grant, as that mentioned in your letter and the accompanying statement,
can be found.

With the highest consideration
I have the honor to be your
Obedt. Servant
Daniel Stearns

I am Sir,
Your Obedt. Servant
Charles De Breyne
Secretary of the
French Legation
Washington.

Council Chamber

Samoa, January 8 1826

Dear Sir,

I have had the honor to receive from your Excellency
and answer to my communication relative to Dr. Smith's case. But
prior thereto the Constitutional period which flowed to me, from acting as
the high Magistrate during my period of office, was not authorized to proceed
any further than the papers relative to the transaction shall be laid before the
Governor elect immediately on his arrival at the Seat of Government.
His Excellency, John Andrew Schuler, has the honor to be with high consideration
Yours Obedt. Servant
Daniel Stearns