

Hagerstown January 4th 1865

T. W. Bradford Esq.

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I am about concluding the title for the Antietam Cemetery. Mr. Hickman the owner is dead, and his heirs in a few days will execute a deed to the State for his interest. I have withdrawn my objections to the ratification of the Trustees' sale to you - and ordered it to be ratified.

Will you please inform me how you desire to pay the purchase money when the deed is executed by the Trustees.

Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

George French

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis January 9th 1865

George French Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of 4th Inst. and am pleased to hear that you are able to perfect the title of the lot of ground selected for the Antietam Cemetery.

At the time I contracted with Mr. Henry for the purchase of this lot I requested a Surveyor who was present - Mr. Brown I think, of Sours Cove - to survey the piece of ground agreed upon and send me a plat of it showing contents &c; whether he did so or in consequence of the defect in the title suspended the survey I have not been informed. I would like him to make the survey and plat at once, if he has not already, and would be obliged to you if you could so inform him. By the arrangement with Mr. Henry it was understood that with the consent of the owner of the adjoining land, an exchange could be made between them of a few perches which would be of mutual advantage in straightening the lines of the Cemetery lot and giving to the neighboring proprietor more acceptable land - I afterwards learned indirectly that this gentleman had agreed to the proposed arrangement, but have not been authentically so advised - Will you be kind enough to ascertain from Mr. Henry whether such is the fact, and if it is or the proposed arrangement can be effected, will you see that the proper deed is made to Mr. Henry before he conveys to the State, and that the proceedings of the Surveyor include both parcels of land.

It seems to me that there should be a supplement to the Act of last session on this subject authorizing the appointment of Trustees in whom the title to the Cemetery Lot may be vested, and as the General Assembly is now in session there will be no difficulty I presume, in the immediate passage of such an Act, and I will endeavor to procure it at once, that the deed may be made to such Trustees - Immediately on the execution of such Deed with your certificate that the