

abuse of locating them on these lands before the Refuse was  
 laid had notice, and thereby an equal chance with others  
 of taking up these lands - By a Rule of the Land Office,  
 all Certificates are to lie in that Office three Months before  
 Patents can be made out, this Rule I conceive to be every  
 just one, and not to be dispensed with, if it should, a younger  
 Certificate might be preferred to an elder. As I am very  
 sensible of your Justice and Equity, as well as your incli-  
 nation to promote the Interest of the Proprietor, so I am  
 certain there will be, but one unalterable Rule of Right,  
 by which your decisions will be guided; and as a Month  
 or two longer than the three Months, will afford the Guar-  
 dians of the Proprietor time to signify their Measure in  
 this Business, I submit, to your better Judgment what  
 will direct you, either to grant or refuse my Request.  
 I hope you will excuse the Freedom, which my Duty  
 has impelled me to take & believe me to be, with due  
 Respect

Gen<sup>l</sup>. Your most Obed. Servant  
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Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Geo. Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Mr. Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir,  
 Yours dated the 29<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> directed to Mr. Calvert  
 and myself I duly received - Mr. Calvert's distress, occasioned  
 by the Death of his Son, prevents his coming to Town, this  
 and the hopes of your retracting the Letter, to which this