

Capt. Hatch to Edward Winslow.

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Dr. Sir.

Andrews April 23, 1809.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 1st inst. with its enclosures acquainting me with my appointment as Asst. Deputy Surveyor General of Kings-Woods for the County of Charlotte. I beg you to accept of my thanks for the active part you have taken in procuring this appointment for me, and the confidence you have plac'd in me.—

(^{omit}) Commencing the duties of the office, I have thought it proper to advertise the public of my being appointed inserting the statutes and such parts of the instructions as seem'd fit and inform'd those who occupy any part of the reserves by license that it was necessary a copy of the same should be lodged with me without delay, my motive in the ^{last} instance is to be made acquainted with the licenses really granted having reason to believe some who have assigned tracts on the reserves for valuable consideration have no authority but have acted under fallacious pretences. As soon as I receive them a list shall be transmitted to your office (^{Begin}) It is much to be regretted that an officer in this department had not been earlier appointed for this County, a few months would have prevented great loss of timber. All that has been cut since Sep^r last is now on the banks of the different rivers and Bays of the County. The great demand for this article the last season and the consequent high price induc'd every exertion to be directed to this object and there are now twenty thousand tons of squared pine

Part of copy of Capt. Hatch,
sent April 1, 1809.

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