Title:  Letter from John Dickinson to Robert Magaw

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Dear Sir,

Having been informed some time ago that there was an alleged mortgage by James Wilson, Esquire on my land near Carlisle to Mr. Henry for £200 - on the satisfaction entered, I wrote to request an explanation of the subject - in his answer of the 8th of Sept. he says,

"The bond which I assigned to Mr. Henry, and which was accompanied with the mortgage you mentioned, I paid, in my discretion, and satisfaction was omitted to be entered on the record of the mortgage. I cannot, at this time, say that the bond is paid. But I think there is a sufficient condition that the mortgage, with a power of attorney to enter satisfaction, was sold to Carlisle, either to Robert McCarth, or to John Agnew."

You will, I am sure, exceedingly oblige me, if you will be so kind as to have a kind inquiry made for the proper vouchers in this affair, if you will be good enough to inform me how it now stands. So what Mr. Henry was the mortgage?

I am, Sir, with sentiments of great esteem,

Washington Oct 3 1786

Your very humble servant,

John Dickinson

Col. U. G. Carlyle
Dear Sir,

On being informed some time ago, "that there was on Record a Mortgage by James Wilson Esquire on my Land near Carlisle to Mr. Henry for £400 - & no satisfaction entered", I wrote to Mr. Wilson on the subject. In his answer of the 8th of last September, he says - "The Bond which I executed to Mr. Henry, and which was accompanied with the Mortgage You mention, is paid, cancelled, & in my possession - How satisfaction was omitted to be entered on the Record of the Mortgage, I cannot, at this Distance of Time, account: But I think I have a faint Recollection that the Mortgage with a power of Attorney to enter satisfaction was sent to Carlisle, either to Robert Millar Esq. or to John Agnew Esq."

You, Sir, will exceedingly oblige Me, if You will be so kind, as to have a strict Enquiry made for the proper Voucher in this Affair, & if You will be so good as to inform Me how it now stands, & what Mr. Henry was the Mortgagee

I am Sir, with sentiments of great Esteem

Wilmington Dec't 9th - 1786 Your very humble Servant

Coll. McGaw Carlisle

On verso:

Presidt Dickinson