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Dear Dr. Peebles:

Thank you for your letter of 29 July 1990. First of all, I would like to say that Lynn and I, are proud to be new members of First Families, through our ancestor, Thomas Landgrave Smith I. You have been most kind in trying to answer our questions on his parentage.

In your letter of 25 October 1989, you had already answered my question on the generation of Sir John de Montague and Maude Francis, daughter of Sir Adam Francis. The reason I posed the question in the first place, was because, Sir John de Montague and Maude Francis, were listed as parents of Robert Montague on "Smyth (Smith) of Exeter" chart in "Visitations of Devon", 1620, signed by Sir Nicholas Smith. I merely wished to know why there was conflicting information between two authoritative sources. Immediately, in faith of your expertise, I accepted your explanation when you told me that the correct lineage was in "Montague family notes", and that Sir John de Montague was Robert's brother, not his father. This also meant that ~~that~~ the Comp. of Am. Gen. was correct in Robert's parentage. More confirmation of same was in Burke's "Gen, Hist. of Dor., Aby. Forf. & Ext. Peerages of the British Empire", London, 1883.

My questions have not been to disprove anything, or to put you on the defensive, but merely to gain knowledge on our common ancestry. I am on your side in looking for all possible proof to eliminate any doubt, your so-called "debunkers" might have. Each year through new evidence, and further research, some ancient lineages, are indeed toppled, and the Sixth Edition of "Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists" by Frederick Lewis Weis, is an excellent example of new corrections of some ancient lineages. However, I believe, as you do, that Thomas Landgrave Smith was a man of substance, and excellent background to become Landgrave and Governor of the Province of the Carolinas, and I believe that he had extraordinary relations in Exeter, England, from whence he came.

I have been thinking, seriously, of contacting Brooks, Davies & Company in England, and asking them to send me a verified illustrated coat of arms for Sir George and Sir Nicholas Smith, and pose a few pertinent questions to them on John Smith, son of Sir Nicholas Smith of Larkbeare. If their

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coat of arms are, indeed, identical with Thomas Landgrave Smith I, that is all the proof that is necessary. I, for one, would be excited and thrilled, to see it all in black and white, documented and confirmed. You can see my desire is great to stop the "debunkers" and "scoffers", if that is what they are, and yet my greatest goal is to find the truth, no matter the outcome.

I agree with you, also, that we should not allow his detractors to go unchallenged, and the only way to accomplish this, is to have the increased desire and determination to find and publish the total truth, backed with strong documentation and fact. I believe it is out there waiting for the earnest researcher to find, and no source, or location in Devon, or elsewhere, should be ignored, because, I'm sure the whole truth is written and documented somewhere.

It may be several months before I use the sponsorship cards (2) you sent me, but I promise to do what I can to increase your membership and support. Meanwhile, now that I have seen my dear son, recently married, and am expecting my first grandchild in September, and am awaiting my sister's surgery in the near future, I will then wait for things to settle to a normal pace before I set into any further activities.

You, also, mentioned in your letter that my cousin, Dr. James Truluck, had promised to provide the Society with a Speaker for the 27 April 1991 General Assembly of the Society. You asked me, "if I would like him to be the Speaker?" Though, I have never met Jim Truluck, I was impressed with his warmth, enthusiasm, kindness, and personable manner on the phone, when I first called him to tell him I had read his article in the Carologue on our common ancestry to the Brockintons and Nesmiths. I believe that with all of these fine qualities, particularly his ardent interest in genealogy, and his great enthusiasm, he would make an excellent speaker, and would certainly maintain the interest of an audience. You may tell him everything I said, and you might, also, tell him, that I still look forward to hearing from him after my last letter of 23 February 1990, that contained many informative charts, and much information on Smyth of Exeter connections, etc., and I would love to receive an answer.

If I have through my inquisitive nature offended anyone, or offended anyone in desiring to have my own Society number assigned on my own merit of 14 years of research, I ask your forgiveness and understanding, and can only say, let's not be just cousins, but let's be friends, and continue to share in this marvelous adventure of research for our ancestry.

*Sincerely,
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