Dr General

Crotons Dec 27 1805

I have Received your two favours the Last of Dec 20 Since I Came up here from Mr Beekmans I have been With Mr Anderson and Frost to Veiw the mill place They if agreed purpose to make the Dam at the Lower End of the deep Water Just above the Riding place above Mc Dugals Bridge place a Dam so as to Raise the Water Near as high as the Little fall Where We Rid Through Just Above Staats Mill to take the Water Out of the Dam by or Near the Rock that we Ride Round as you go to Staats Williams Road from the Bridge along Crotons River Then in a Race Way out of the Frishes of the down Streem and Cross the Road that goes to the Bridge at the most Convenient place and so on Close Under the hill on the West side of the Road to the mill place below the Bridge, They think and say it Can be done With Less Cost than With Wood And are Content that there may be built a paper Mill only allowing for the Water taken out of the Race as Shall be Judged Reasonable, They Would Chuse to have a few Acres of the Land Nearest the Way Over the Gully on the East part of Land Tomkins has, I told them that Wod make No Difference, Now it (Should it otherways be Agreed) Depend on the Lenght of Time for the Lease And if the Improvements are to be allowed how much And What the Yearly Rent must be When the Sale of the Buildings to Come from, There is but Little Building Timber on the Side hill, They Seem to be Anxious About it And Desired me to Let you know it The Vessel went of Loaded Chiefly With Pork and Flax Seed, Some Farmer Out of the Oblong brought 40 fat hogs and Killed them at the Landing for market Your Mother Is pretty well, has Annatie Mang Cahun Your Sister Cathy Keeps Last Night Come not See her this Morning Our Love to you And Family

Loving Father Pierre Van Cortlandt

Letter. Dec.
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about Mill
plan above
the Bridge
by the Continental
Bridge