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Dear Sir

Dec^r. I. Smith the Indian Chief will call on you he wants advice relative his brother Moses Smith who served during the Revolutionary War; he enlisted in Dec^r. 1776 in Capt. Israel Smiths Company Second N.Y. Regt. then under my command and was discharged in June 1783. He was entitled to land and it appears that he took out the patent himself for only 500. Acres so that the 100. Acres from the United States was not assigned over to this state. Now the state of the Case as represented by the Dec^r. is that his brother Moses after taken out his Patent went to Baltimore never sold his land but believes some person must have obtained some fraudulent title as there is a man residing on the lot who claims it as being possessed of good Title.

The lot is situate near nine mile creek in the Township of Marcellus and is Valuable.

Moses Smith is gone to Albany, Oneida and Cayuga Counties in search of records and it may be as was the case of Michael Burdge who called on me to prove my palmersters. Michael Connollys Receipt book in which Burdge's hand writing appeared and which differed so materially from the name subscribed in the Deed that the Jury gave a verdict in favour of Burdge, concluding the Deed forged. Where that Receipt Book is I cannot say but I do think J^r. Sacket has it or can inform where it is. That may be of service in Smiths Case if necessary. I remain Yours with Respect.

Pierre C. Van Dyck Esq^r

J. V. Cortlandt

Dec 21 1837

Dear Sir

Dec 21. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late John Smith deceased. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. W. Smith

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