

New York,
4 Jan. 1813.

Sir,

Thomas North, Esq., whose letter to your address accompanies this, is a respectable Magistrate of the County of Orange. He is deeply interested in the decision of the Commissioners for adjusting, and settling, a Boundary line of the public Territory at West Point. Mr. North is proprietor of the adjoining lands. It appears, that there has, lately, been made a Reference of a Bill from the Senate, relative to the subject, to the Land Committee. Mr. North feels himself injured by the Report of the Commissioners; and, from my knowledge of facts, I am confident, that, should the Report be confirmed, great injury and injustice will, thereby, be done him. You will perceive, Sir, that the object of his Letter is, to obtain a delay of the decision

of Congress on the reports; that he may have time to remonstrate. — I cannot conceive any injury, or inconvenience, can accrue to Government from a reference to a future session, as they will continue to be, as they ever have been, in quiet possession, and improvement, of the land claimed, till a final determination shall be had. The land claimed is not the site intended for the Military Academy (to be erected next Spring); nor is it contemplated to erect Buildings of any description thereon, nor, so to improve it, that any damage to Government will be consequent to its final surrender to the Claimant. —

Sensible Sir, that you are disposed to promote the just private, as well as public, interests of your Constituents, I beg leave to solicit your attention to the request of Mr North, to whom, and to whose family, it is a matter of very great and interesting importance. I have the honor of addressing a letter

to the Hon Mr Quincy on this same subject, which I take the liberty to enclose, requesting you will have the goodness to hand him.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully, Your

Servt. *Wm J Barron*

Am Col: Cortland, m.

The Honorable
D. Van Cortlandt,
Member of Congress,
Washington City.

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