

Son Philip

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Done yesterday

I wrote you this morning a Letter but when  
you will receive ~~them~~ cannot say This goes by the  
Express. Should you receive them observe the Con-  
tents. I therein desired you to apply to General  
M<sup>r</sup> Dugall to assist you to remove all the flower  
and grain from Cootons Mills, sell it to the Commis-  
sary for the use of the Army. I am apprehensive it  
will all be stole by the Tories. Tell your family  
at Cootons can live from the mill. Send me up what  
I wrote <sup>for</sup> in several other Letters. it must come  
by water hire therefore some Craft for that Purpose  
you will do your Endeavour to secure what  
I have at Cootons. Tite or Angins must come up  
to assist me at Rynebeck as soon as possible  
Send me up what Raw hides & Leather that is  
both at Cootons & Pecks Kill. Mr. Beckman  
and Gilbert had a List of such things are wanted  
Up here. have Reference to them. I should be  
glad to have a line from you. & Mr Beckman  
Gilbert went from this this morning it is like to  
Albany. your mother was to go up to Claverack  
Pernack bought a stack of wheat from me for the  
Continental Army. for 40 dollars. If he has not paid it  
receive it from the Commissary. I charge £10- for

Each bar. of Pork used by the Army. W<sup>t</sup> 260 Side pork  
Without any Bone. & if you for the Gammon. Receive  
it for me. I wrote to Mr. Beckman some time ago  
to Receive what money was due to me that he  
knew of at Peak, Hill. I hope you may keep  
your health so as to be Serviceable to your  
Country Cause. I am your affectionate Father  
Pierre Van Cortlandt

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