

Dear Son Philip

In my Last I advised you of the Receipt
of your favour with the first 3 N^os of the History
of the United States since which have Received
the other 3 Numbers, for which are oblige to you
And should you have any other Pamphlet, on hand
please to send such as you can spare it gives me
past time to read them Pierre is come up says
the Joanna Lays safe at Isaac Boes dock Sally
Came here Last Night have not seen him I see
were Abed shall see him to morrow he has settled
his faith with P^r Van Wyck, M^r Beckman is going
to New York to fetch up Cous Nancy your Mother
approves of it There is no news here only what
the papers relate your Sister Beckman says
she intend to bring up Nancy to stay with us
see, she will be company for us, as we are generally
alone, shall be glad to hear from you as opportunity
offers. There was no Letter with the last 5 Number,
one of your workmen who drove the Cow & calf down to the
R^g - in coming up stop'd at Gage, a few minutes to warm
when he went out his Horse was gone saddle & Bridle some
one had stole him of he was found two day after at M^r Deane's
with his saddle no Bridle (good Luck) Arthur has a mind to
take this saw mill from this and set it up at his house he
is coming up to speak to me about it What do you think of it
You^{mother} and myself are at present well, your Sister Catherine is better
We join in Love Am your Loving father

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Pierre Van Cortlandt

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of the Jocular
with Pierre V. Wylde

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