

Monday Noon May. 10. 1809

St Philip

In answer to yours of yesterday afternoon I should think it best (from what Couz Stephen and John Gause for answer) to proceed and git out what we can, and should Couz. Philip Chuse to come to any agreement, or leave it as Stephen and John will do for a 1/2 part free, well, if not we shall have the first part of the bar which is easiest got secure. Therefore let the Petitioner come up and bring as many plank as will make about 200 feet for the gang way. We can go to work very strong if we Chuse however that can be better regulated when on the spot.

If you can spare one barral of fish send one and a few buf of potatoes for provisions

I want my Steers and shall send for them soon and the Cow; Charles brings this Pierre says he must bring up Little black to morrow morning early. our Love to you &c am yours &c

Pierre Van Cortlandt

22 June 1789

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