

Smells worse it grows in low ground
Something like I think we'd good
to look Corn in - 1709

Quinnan Cottanott 29?
Relative mines in
Anthony's Nose
— 1709 —

John Philip

I now send Ismael down to you with
a Copy of the Lease I gave the Company for
your Perusal and Guide in Writing one
from the family to me I hope you will
proceed as soon as possible and Urge
them to it all in your power. I am Appre-
hensive if it is not now done, that there
will be Confusion. There has been several
strangers to view the mine James Conklyn
told me, who said the mine was worth
ten Miles Square with all the buildings
and Improvements about Pecks Hill
and more. Tell the family that I got the
Old Lady to make her Will as it is, that it was
in my power to have had the whole if I would
have acted otherwise than upright, that the
mines were given to the whole family, Delancey &
Included, as all her undivided Right, that
I got Aunt to Insert Cous. Penfslan and

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Cory: Hannah Cortlandt In the will
Aunt first Intended that part of the
Estate for her Nieces by her own Sisters
that Cory: John Cortlandt's Daughters and
mine were taken in, as the Bayards
and Delanys were disaffected, That I
Leased my part of the mine in order
to get the discovery, and that the mine
is on my Land, and I will do Every
thing to serve them, that there must
be great ^{some} loss be. Any profit can
Arise, and any other Argument that
you can Use to Induce them So that
I may be on an Equal footing with
the Rest of the family for my goodness
to them that I appeal to them all for

what I have done for their favor
I believe I have said Enough
You will please to bring a hat for
me from Mr Bicker, a little
Tobacco, and a pipe of Cruvables
Am your Loving Father

Pierre Van Cortlandt,

Aunt Balthaman gave a lease for four
hundred acres on the River to Montcalm,
Corcoran, Adam Miller, and others for
twenty one years. for a Ten th, free
from all Charges. I have ^{the} the Lease