

Sir

New York 4th Jan 1813

I have not the honour of your personal acquaintance & therefore take the liberty of addressing you as my representative in Congress. The subject, Sir, is to me, and to my numerous family highly interesting. I am proprietor of Land adjoining the U. S. Territory called Westpoint. In 1811 Commissioners were appointed to settle the Boundary line between my Land and that of the Government. A Survey was made and the Commissioners reported. The Report was not revealed to me nor did I discover it, before it was referred to Congress. I feel myself very much, and very unjust injured by this report ~~this report~~. The object of this Letter is, to obtain a delay of the decision of Congress, in order to afford me time to remonstrate and show cause why the report should not be confirmed. As I cannot perceive that injury in any shape, can accrue to the public Interest from a postponement to the next Session of Congress, I presume that no objection will be raised. Since the report of the Commissioners was made I have fortunately acquired evidence plenary and decisive of the true Boundary Line. While the Commissioners were sitting I knew not that this Testimony existed, I will prove moreover that the survey of the Commissioners was totally ungeometrical and incorrect, I also complain of the taking of Testimony in my absence and without notifying me. I will consider it a singularly great favor Sir would you use your influence to gain a reference of the subject

Matter to the next ensuing session of Congress -
I will thank you Sir to inform me of the progress and
state of this business, and also whether the Deposition,
and other testimony, taken in the cause accompanied
the report when presented to Congress. Please to
direct to me at Westpoint.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your obedient servant

Thos. North -

The Hon B Van Cortlandt
Member of Congress

Thos. South
relative to the
action of Congress
about West Point

Hon, J^d Van Cortlandt
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