

Town of ~~London~~ Feb^r 24th 1744
Friend Cortlandt

I wrote you some time ago concerning
a lot of Ground, I Desired an answer Immediately or
as soon as convenient. my not Receiving any Answer
gives me reason to think you have never got my letter
the Contents of it was as follows,

I am making preparations
for building a House, and would rather Lease a Piece
of Ground of you or the Governor than to build wh
the Road on my Fathers Land, I can assure you
my Friend the ~~the~~ Building shall be no Disgrace
to the Corner, as I purpose to build as small as possible
on a lot of Ground which
I should want is where the Head & Blacksmith
shop stands, Did I think you had Read the other letter
I should then think my proposals to you were offered
But knowing you to be a Gentleman that would
not get Affronted without some special offence I
make bold to write to you on the subject thinking
where I commit an Error in my eye as you will
mend them, I should be happy to receive an answer
from you, and hope if it is not in your power to
give me a lease you will Intercede with the Governor for
me, whether it be in the Affirmative or Negative
Let me know by the first stage and if any ways
likely, that I can get it, let me know on what
conditions. Your compliance will much Oblige Thy

Humble Servant

Pierpont Cortlandt Jun^r Esq^r

Samuel Jones

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The laws authority -
to punish & inflict other
penishments in lieu of
Death -

Many

Direct for Courtlandt Jan. 20 1802

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