

Major Pierre Van Cortlandt



The People of the State of New-York, by the Grace of GOD Free and Independent :
To Pierre Van Cortlandt Junior Esquire — GREETING:

WE, reposing especial trust and confidence, as well in your Patriotism, Conduct and Loyalty, as in your Valour, and readiness to do us good and faithful Service, HAVE appointed and constituted, and by these Presents, DO appoint and constitute you the said —
Pierre Van Cortlandt Junior, First Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester whereof Benjamin Green Esquire is Lieutenant Colonel Commandant

YOU are therefore to take the said *Regiment* into your charge and care, as *First Major* — thereof, and duly to exercise the Officers and Soldiers of that *Regiment* in arms, who are hereby commanded to obey you as their *First Major* — and you are also to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from our General and Commander in Chief of the Militia of our said State, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you ; and for so doing, this shall be your Commission, for and during our good pleasure, to be signified by our Council of Appointment : IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused our Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed ; WITNESS, our trusty and well-beloved JOHN TAYLOR, Esquire, Governor of the State of New-York, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council of Appointment, at our city of Albany, the *Eleventh* — day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight and in the twenty-second year of our Independence.

John Jay —

Passed the Secretary's Office, the *12th* day of *April* 1798.

Jasper Hopper

Secretary.