

Packer Kill, Sept. 7, 1788

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It is with Pain that I now take pen in hand to write acknowledging the Receipt of your two Letters however, I am of Sentiment Whosoever any One act from the Dictates of Conscience he is Right.

The Estate Left by Aunt Beckman to you and your Brother William by will is in the words following.

Item I do hereby Devise and bequeath unto my Nephews Philip Van Cortlandt and William Micketts Van Cortlandt Sons of my Nephew Stephen Van Cortlandt deceased as Tenants in Common in fee Tail All that Tract of Land known by the Name of South Lott N^o 8 (Mines & minerals Excepted) now in ^{the} possession of William Jewell and others. She has ~~also~~ given you One Equal fourth part of her undivided ^{Right} part In the Manor of Cortlandt and Mounbouts Patent. The Lott N^o 8 is under Lease to three Different persons Each Lease for three lives. Who are all living as far as I know. Two of the Tenants are in possession and pay a Yearly Rent of two pounds thirteen Shilings & four pence the other farm is to pay a Yearly Rent of five pounds. The Tenant that has the Lease thereof went to the Brittons soon after the Troubles began This farm I have taken the possession of last April. It is very much destroyed & lay, almost Intirely waste. Lott N^o 8 is one of the small Lots and lay, on the South Side of Croton River, What Rent I have Received of the Twostensky Jewell and Bockhouts I have sent it to your Brother William and shall Continue so to do as it becomes due being the Only Little Support that I know of that he can depend on.

I have been Credibly Informed that you have Received the Rents of Aunt Beckman's Estate for these several Years past amounting to a very Large Sum, which Estate Aunt Beckman Devised part of the female Branch of the Family, Including Mr John Van Cortlandt's Daughters and

mine then with part of the other female devisees Inist that
I as one of the Executors to be made whole out of that part
of the Estate which is given to you if it can be come at

As to Aunt Deputers Estate whatever monies I
have Received you & your Bro. William have had your
Equal Shered the Lot in the Boney there it Lays And
Whenever Aunt Cornelia De Putster settles the accounts
with me whatever is coming to you & your Brother you
may Depend shall be faithfully paid

It is not in my Power nor in that of
my Sons to advance any monies at all being hand press'd
to put in Repair what has wantingly ^{being} Dstroy'd and
Carried off by the Enemies of this Country

I am Exceeding Oblidged to Cous. Cortlandt
for her Potiteness & Desire to see me & which I could have that
And wish her and the Cous. with you all happiness
And pray the Lord to bless you all whenever you
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Compliments And am your affectionate

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Pierre Van Cortlandt

I am exceedingly obliged to Cousin Cortlandt
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