

Dear

Kinderhook February 27. 1812.

I have not the honor a personal acquaintance with you - but by General Reputation - you being a Representative from the State where I reside; The Delegation from our District being Federal, induces me to address you upon this occasion.

Barrent Van Derpoel of our place has been recommended for the place of Major in the Military force now to be raised - if that cannot be procured, I believe he would accept of a Captaincy - I have ~~been~~ been informed that Governor Tompkins has recommended him to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Van Derpoel's early attachment to his Country's rights, ought to plead in favour of his application & preferment - near the close of our Revolution when a lad of sixteen he turned out as a Volunteer in defence of those rights - Since which he held the office of Captain of a light Infantry Company in the Kinderhook Regiment in which situation he acquitted himself with honor - until he received
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The appointment of Sheriff of the County of
Columbia - he is possessed of a laudible
Military Zeal, and have no doubt he will
do honor to the Corps he belongs.

Any Services you can render to pro-
cure this place for Mr. Van derpoel will
be gratefully remembered by him - And
will confer an obligation on you.

Yours & humb^l Serv^t

James I. Van Allen



Hon^{ble}
Pierre Van Courtland

Linsbrook
25th February

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Hon^{ble} Pierre Van Courtland
Representative in Congress
Washington



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