

Dr. John Philip

I Received yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant and observe the Contents and hope that such measures may be taken so as to bring the affair of Aunt Beckman to a speedy settlement I can't apprehend how Mrs Livingston can avoid paying the Bond given by Coll Beckman to the Executors of Aunt B's and as that obligation is running on Interest the Hrs will be so far profited by the delay of payment I would have compromised it Years ago Went to Mrs Livingston first with Mr John Cortlandt to demand it And shortly after that Mr James Parker went with me on the same Business Mrs Livingston then Told us that her Father had Reassumed it And that it was an agreement to do so between Uncle and Aunt Beckman and that I was privy to it; No such Thing but on the contrary shortly after Uncle Beckman's death Lawyer John Cortlandt went with me up to Rhinebeck while we were there Mrs Livingston got the Coll's Will and had it Read in our presents after Reading Aunt Beckman mentioned I don't hear any thing of my money; I don't remember what answer Mrs Livingston made, Mr Cortlandt took John White by the door and asked him (as Clerk) what he knew of Aunt's money in bank; said it was noted in the Coll's Books But that he had taken it out by their Order; Upon which Mr Cortlandt swore at him and told him that he had Juratified the Coll's Books by so doing. However be this as it will I am determined in behalf of the Hrs to prosecute for it if it cannot be done otherwise but expect nothing will be done without a prosecution, I shall be very glad to hear from again on this subject with Mr Hamilton's opinion what will be the best way to proceed Your mother is well and desires her Love to you Am with Respect

Your Loving father

Peekskill March 21-1790

Curren Cortlandt

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Prime V. Lord Handls  
Relative to Bank  
Unknown. Money  
in Bank —

Very Particular  
to be kept

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