

D^r Sir

Bethlehem Hunterdon County
State of New Jersey 28th Aug 1777

Do^r Cochran was at my house a few days ago and inform'd us of the death of Mr Beekman and that Mr Parker was one of her Legatties but for the want of a sight of the will he could not be particular as to the Disposition of that part of the Estate left amongst her sisters Children —

As the the present Disturbances and Confusion of this as well as your Province makes the Communication between ^{us} very difficult and of course all matters of business so and as you will consequently be desirous of getting rid of every concern in your charge as Executor Mr Parker joins me in opinion that we had best appoint an attorney near the place of your Residence to act for us and have accordingly appointed Robert Livingston & his son Walter — our motive in this was, the first will be interested in right of his wife

and as we found at the same time that he is doing for Mr Livingston but fearing he might decline I have joyned his son Walter Livingston with him & empowered them to act either jointly or severally which I make no doubt will prove agreeable to you

For want of knowledge of the will or the Estate
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I cannot with any kind of propriety make any
request of you or give you any directions as to my
concern but as I make no doubt of your doing every
thing in your power to hasten a settlement and
division agreeable to the Intent of the Testator I
must leave it to our Attornies to confer with you
on the matter and make no doubt you will both
be ready to do what you may judge most for the
Interest of the concerned - Mr Parker joins me
in Compliments to Mr. Corland & all your family
and am in

Yours

Yours most Obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t

James Parker

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Letter of Mr. Parker
to Mr. Corland, 1797
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Walter's Court, London
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