

Halifax 5th January 1789

Dear Sir,

I did myself the honor to write to you
shortly before I left America about a Year after
my Arrival in England requesting your attention
to the situation of myself & family, at the same
time for a small proportion of a Sum in your hands
arising from a balance on an Acc^t due you some years
ago, as also for a Legacy left me by M^{rs} Depeyster
in her will to which you was an Executor, both which
letters remain unanswered —

my last communication with the Commission-
ers of the Claims of the Loyalists induces me to suppose
that no attention can be paid to my property in the
State of New York where (as I am informed) I was not
attainted nor my property confiscated — it therefore
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it therefore is incumbent on me to seek redress under
the sanction of the laws of your country —

previous to any step taken by me I must
observe that 'tis my most ardent wish that this business
may be adjusted between us in an amicable manner
I have ever shown a disposition tending to that end I can
not accuse myself of having ever deviated from the line
of propriety —

if your sentiments accord with mine it will be
proper that you communicate with my Attorney who
will be named to you by my friend Mr Peter Mackie
I ^{who} will immediately forward your conclusions to me, on
the following heads — Viz^t.

adjusting the Ballance of y^r private Acc^t.d^d
Settling & paying the legacy of Mr Desjardins y^r will
Settling & paying rents rec^d. by you for lands left me by
Aunt Beekman y^r will —

And quietly delivering up those lands to my Attorney
for my use —

Your answer thro' the above channel will greatly oblige
me who am with the greatest esteem Dr Sir

Your affectionate

W Cortland

P. Van Cortlandt Esq.

New York

Philip Van Cortlandt
Jan 9th 1789
Letter