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My dear General,

I have the pleasure to introduce to you my good cousin John L. Lawrence Esqr, one of your Co-Electors of President and Vice President of the U. States.

Mr. Lawrence like myself is a nephew of that brave man, Captain Riker, who under your gallant brother Colonel Van Cortlandt aided in the capture of Gen. Burgoyne and his army. It affords me unspeakable pleasure to see you and him after a lapse of more than sixty years acting together to preserve those principles which they so gloriously contributed to acquire.

I most solemnly declare, my Dear General that our political institutions have at no time in my opinion been so much in danger as under this profligate, bold and wicked administration of Martin Van Buren. Thank God it has received its deserts from a most deeply insulted and injured people.

Wishing you and my good Cousin may long enjoy
those blessings which you are now about to give to our
common Country I remain

Most sincerely and truly

Your old friend

J. Pike

P. S. Excuse my employing an amanuensis. My hand
is lame.

Gen. Pierre Van Cortlandt.

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