

My Brother not withstanding my Sister Cornelia Beckman
and myself wished to be joint Administrators to my Father, will
yet my Brother would not consent to it - declaring that he
would be the acting Executor. He said he was in possession of
all my Father's papers - the Sister Beckman & myself acquiesced
My Brother took the whole administration on himself and I
believe that he made an inventory of it, but perhaps he did not
file it in the Surrogate Office for none is to be found
after his death I made with my Sister Beckman an Executor
to my Father's Estate from Th. G. Van Wyck acting Executor to
my Brother Chas. Van Cortlandt, this demand was not once
but repeatedly and we have never been able to get any paper
account or any thing else belonging to my Father from
Th. G. Van Wyck - He has always refused to give us
any documents, paper. Deed or any thing else which he
has in his possession belonging to my Father which he came
in possession as the Executor of my Brother -

By the will of my Brother Th. G. Van Wyck
was the Occupant of my Farm at Croton River during the
minority of my Son being four years & six months -
The farm then was in complete ruin laid down in grass
meadow & a valuable Dyke which reclaimed about sixty acres
he suffered the Dikes to go down & when I wanted them
at my own expense rather than those valuable meadows
should be ruined He would not suffer me to do it -

A few months after my Brother's death he paid me
a visit with his beautiful daughter Eliza, I then said
I might have the Farm of my Father but my Brother
had given it to him until my Son came of age being four
years & if I would give him four thousand Dollars he
would consent to remove - I felt so indignantly that I made
use of harsh expressions & told him that he was a base
fellow to make such proposals but to get rid of him I would
give him one thousand Dollars to depart & never put his foot
on those premises - He with his beautiful daughter Eliza
then left me for the last time in my house -

He has suffered the Dikes to go down & all the reclaimed

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Keep this all his

denying all this property to me

gone to Ruins - Besides he suffered, all the Out buildings
to go to him, and worse than all plowed up my Meadows
& I was compelled to get an Injunction from the Court
of Chancery to put an end to his devastations on my
property - and when I took possession just at the time
my son became of Age, he has stripped the property
of every thing he could carry off with him that I could
not find as much as a piece of a Board to make a
seat for me to sit on - He filed writs of every thing he
could lay his hand on - I found every thing in perfect
ruin - My Sister Minded - Unland meadows plowed
up, all the Out buildings by his negligence nearly
destroyed & unfit for use - The fences on the farm
entirely out of repair, and every diversion was
opposed to every Person - He endeavored to injure me
as much as he could & would have done more if I had
not got an Injunction from The Court of Chancery - to
stop him in destroying my property -

Besides this I charge for \$1000 - paid his mother
for a lease of my property giving by my Aunt Gertrude
Bushman to my Father dated the 1st Day of
for the farm I live on and The River Lot known by the
Lot N^o 10 - of The Manor of Courtlands for the Lives of
my Father - Mother - My Brother Stephen & myself
which my Father assigned to his son Gilbert on the
4th January 1791 - and by my Brother Gilbert will
on a devise from Gertrude Bushman to my Brother
of all this property & by the Assignment of my Father
to The lease to my Brother Gilbert & Gilberts devise
is to me, I know that I paid this \$1000 to my Sister
Van Wyck ignorantly & innocently and illegally never
having seen The lease until I paid the money -
As Ch. G. Van Wyck received all her Estate & this money
also I paid his mother I now charge him with the
amount & Interest I paid the money - amounting to

I paid his mother in 1823 - \$1000
Interest for 21 years - - - - -
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