

Dear General

I am now with your mother at Mr. Beckman's, he is in York
on the business of Mr. Gould and it, like will be a sufferer by him or
and it is said that he has stopped payments, and just now and
yesterday Michael Dyckman came to me at Catoons and paid
Gould a 100 dollar Inpass for which I gave him a Receipt and wrote
the Receipt that he promised to pay up the whole of the arrears
by the first day of May next, as he had just come down from Pettling
with those concerned with the Stage from Poughkeepsie, there were
several at the ferry waiting for him for what he owed them, that
I believe he could not spare more than fifty dollars, so was obliged
to let each of them have a part. he has got no place to go to
he asked me to let him have the ferry my answer I would not do
it until I had consulted you and that the back rent must first
be paid up before any agreement could be made and that
no man living should have the ferry from me without giving
me security for the payment of the Rent. In short, he asked me
what security we'd do, I told him that was not the case pay the
back rent first and then I may speak something further about it
to that I have not given any hopes further about it, and shall be
careful not to do any thing further until I hear from you
I have wrote you there has been several Applicants, but what
will Dyckman do he is very sorry for what has happened and will
make any Concession, if you think it will do to let him stay and then
you the Rent 100 £. with such privilege as you will allow him and
let me know I will see that a deed and bond be executed

Journal of Mrs. D.

I heard that the horses Pierre had been used in for Ishamail
 would be in the fall from this tomorrow morning and start at Crotons
 And see how they come on there, Williams and Tomkins, were
 gone for the apple trees and such and I have had a great
 fear of the garden being white. I have an idea of having a
 little seed as I go. There is plenty of fodder I tell me
 and the cattle look well. I have heard of no
 complaints. It is said that it is making for itself
 throughout the County. Corn, Grass, &c. is getting better
 It was dislocated by a fall in the straw. Accidentally
 there has been no grinding at the mill, the price of wheat
 has fallen.

Father 23 March
 1862
 Dear Mother

Where do you intend to have Corn planted and
 how, several have applied. Tomkins in particular
 the wheat below look very well. And Tomkins says what
 he has said. Look pretty well. you will answer this
 letter or such part of it as you like.
 We all here are with love to you and wish
 you health and happiness. Am your affectionate

Father Pierre Van Cortlandt

Beekman Mills

March 23 1862

Mrs Beekman and her sister Mrs. Deane and the Philips
 and is in daily expectations of a letter