

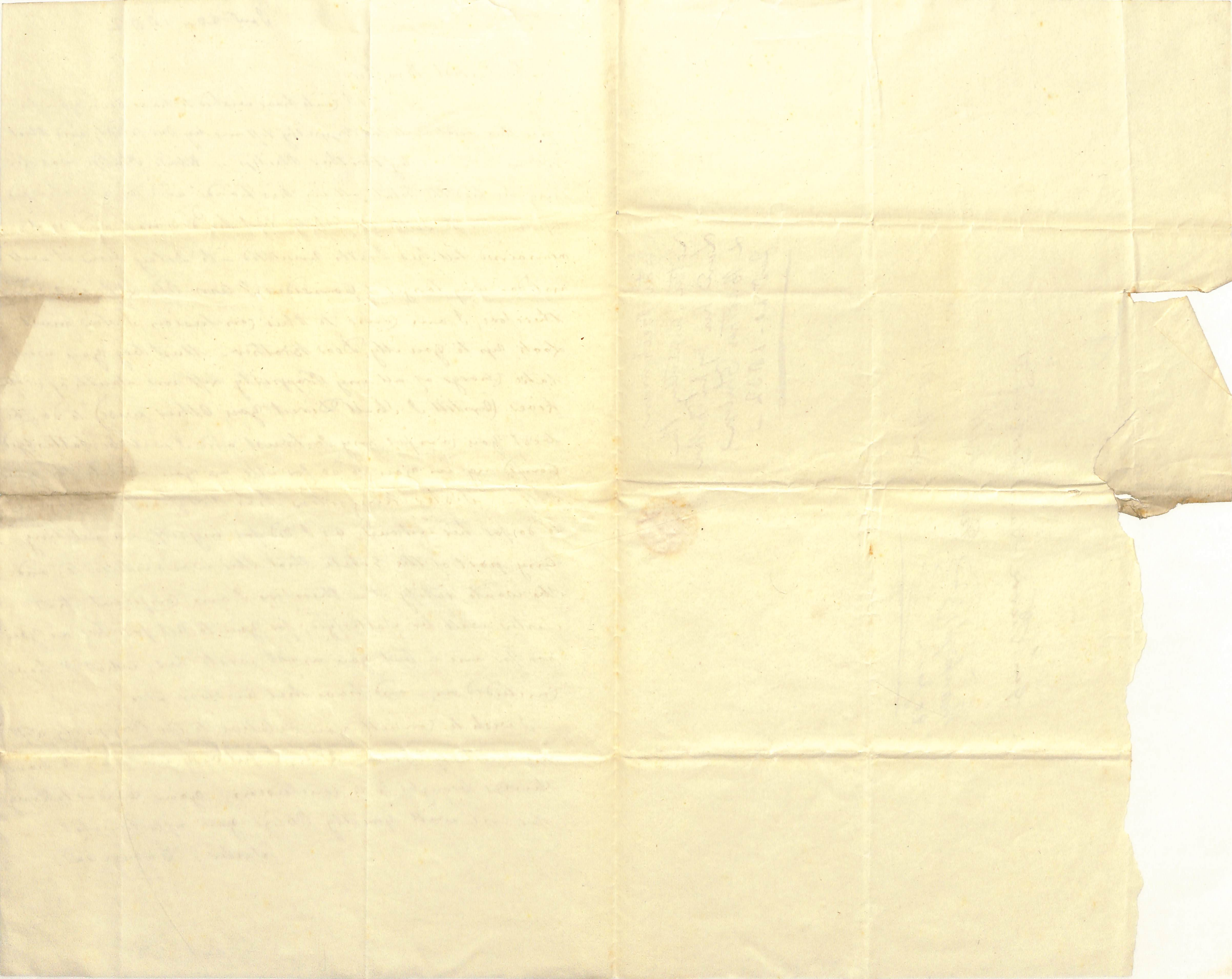
Jan^y 20th 1832

My Dearest Brother

I could have wished to have seen you before this, relative to the Property left me by Our father, and that left and ~~by~~ by Brother Philip - While Philip was living he had the Estate all in his hands, and we all looked up to him to settle the Estate, but he did not, and so it remained till his Death unsettled - to Delay now it will not do any longer - Consider I am Old, ^{and} life is uncertain therefore, I am come to this conclusion, I now must look up to you My Dear Brother - Must beg you will take Charge of all my Property left me South of Croton River (untill I shall Direct you Other wise) to do the best you can for my Interest and I will be satisfied Confiding in you to do for Me as you would for your self - Sister Knagside has frequently told me to do for her interest, as I did for myself, in settling any part of the Estate that she was intitled to, and she would ratify it - therefore I am confident that Sister will be satisfied, for you to act for her as you do for me - but you must write her, what I have concluded on, - and have her answer also

I wish to consult you relative to the Property left me South of Croton River, I feel very anxious to have things brought to a conclusion, your undertaking for me will greatly Oblige your affectionate

Sister Gornelia



Gen. Pierre Van Cortlandt

Peck Kill
Guanabary 1/3
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Cortlandt Town

Sister Beckman's
letter requesting the
donor for the children
& Mother (Shirley)
Jan 20 - 1892 -