

Dear Son Philip

I have had John Grist the Refiner, who has in my
presence refined some of the Bar to my surprise and Satisfaction
It is Exceeding Rich and very valuable and great Plenty of it. It has
been tried by several who can make nothing of it and say it is from
Let that be as it will I am convinced, I have wrote for Pierre for
his advice and assistance, Cap^t Platt was here and has seen the
silver that I had had refined should you see him speak to him
the Refiner is suspected of putting silver in ~~with~~ the Bar.

I have here with sent you a piece of the Bar speak
to Stephen and John Corlandt as they are proprietors of all the
mines in Auntbreckmans Right and try and get them to let you
have their part with given them $\frac{1}{6}$ th of the profits ^{of the half} Clear of Charge
that is one twelfth of the whole doth at all counts, or if they will
join in working the mine in partnership so that also. However
you can use your prudence in acting, you know how far
I have consented that Pelts and Van Dyke and their associates
have my permission to work and open mines on my Right on
the Nose Lob, that perhaps may operate against me therefore
we must join with our Cous^{ins} Corlandt apprise them so far
of it as not at any Rate to Consent that any person whatsoever
shall have their permission to work in any mine that they have
a Claim on, I must in some measure fulfill my promise for the
Discovery of the mine but can do no more than my part of the mine
which is only $\frac{1}{6}$ th thereof. The Bar I am told is stolen away by night
I shall want the Peltsen to attend me at the mine for first of
our Cous^{ins} part can be secured so that no stranger get their Right

You must be very Cautious how you act but above all
that they do not put ^{her} ~~in~~ their ^{out} of the family without previous
Consulting me I have sent a Sample (Cord: Stephen and John
with: yourself can have it tryed in New York if they please
The persons who have discovered the mine are to have
a share, which I am in duty bound to perform if no other-
wise than it must come out of my part which would
be most unjust and unreasonable. I hope there may be
no dispute about it and that the family may be pro-
fited by it the sooner you can come up the better
as it now is spread abroad that the mine is some
peoples opinion is as rich as possible Am with
Respect your Loving Father.

P.S.

I shall want
to board for the
above use to
lower a house
at the mine
as a Guard house

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Pierre Van Cortlandt

I Expect there will be
Immediately repeated
applications to me: Cortlandt
as soon as it is known that
I cannot give a leave for
the whole