

Major Cortlandt

The People of the State of New-York,

By the Grace of GOD, Free and Independent:

To Pierre Van Cortlandt Junior, Esquire, Greeting:

WE, reposing especial trust, as well in your patriotism, conduct and loyalty, as in your valour and readiness to do us good and faithful service, HAVE appointed and constituted, and by these presents, DO appoint and constitute you the said *Pierre Van Cortlandt Junior Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Westchester whereof Gilbert Strang Esquire is Lieutenant Colonel Commandant:*

YOU are therefore to take the said *Company* into your charge and care as *Major* thereof and duly to exercise the Officers and Soldiers of that *Company* in arms, who are hereby commanded to obey you as their *Major* and you are also to observe and follow such orders and directions, as you shall from time to time receive from our General and Commander in Chief of our Militia, or any other your superior Officer, according to the Rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you; and for so doing, this shall be your Commission, for and during our good pleasure, to be signified by our Council of Appointment: IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused our Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS our trusty and well beloved GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire, Governor of the State of New-York, General and Commander in Chief, of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council of Appointment, at our City of *New York* the *Eighth* day of *March* in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and *Ninety one*, and in the *fifteenth* year of our Independence.

Passed the Secretary's Office, *2^d April 1791*

Robert Harpur SECRETARY



