

A. For

John van Cortland
Esqr at the City of New
York this

April 14th 1766

Dappings Creek in Dutchess Count^y

Honoured Sir I hope it will

Be no Offence to Lett you know that
about 2 or 3 Years ago I bought ⁱⁿ a Cert^{ificat}
Lott of ground off Potter John^{nis} Langson
of a bought one deer and a half and he
never gave me any thing to shew for it
except a quiet possession and I have Buill
a good Dwelling on said premises and had
nothing to shew for the Land as yett but
a short article of agreement and this ^{part}
I went and tendered him his money according
to bargain and Demanded my Deed of him or
which he Refused to Give and Directly for-
warned me off from it so premises which you
actually Refused to go off for him but still Remaiⁿ
on it said premises and hold it in possession in behalf
of a little Landlord which I hope may be the honno^{ur}
of Mr Van Cortland and Sir I hope you will be so kind to
send me up a Line or two I think it Lyeth in your
Power to Entitle me to it to Lett me Live on it so
premises till further orders and I am willing to Com-
ply at any Reasonable Rate ther to buy or to lease for
it I use a boatman Exceeding well as I am att present
who Remens your most humble Serv^t
Mark Gregory Van Eura

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The Catting Lands Claimed by the
Lefinght etc

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