

Hon. Uncle

It is my Mamma's request that I acquaint you  
there is an absolute necessity of disposing of some lands in the  
manor to pay those persons who are most pressing as also to  
rid the Estate of a consuming moth which will continue as  
long as such vast sums remain on Interest unpaid, —

If it suits you to purchase the 1000 acres, mamma says  
you may have ~~it~~ <sup>them</sup> on being answerable for Mr. Johnson's bond  
which you are sensible is far short of the value, if it does  
not suit you, <sup>to buy</sup> she desires you will come to town to convey  
it over to her that it may be sold to the best advantage at  
vendue, &c. &c. it is needless for me to mention the disputation  
that is necessary in this affair, as <sup>you</sup> must be convinced of it,  
I have only time to say your speedy answer will will  
much oblige — D<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup>

Your Affectionate  
Nephew

New York 12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1759

Ph. Cortlandt

mamma, W<sup>m</sup> Hughes & Billy  
join our respects to you, Aunt  
& C<sup>rs</sup>

Mr. Johnson's bond is £700 Princ<sup>l</sup>

42 " 0 " 0

17-14-0

6 " 6 " 0

7-10-0-0

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24-14

51 " 5 - 0  
77 " 17 " 6  
99 " 2 " 6  
42 " 15 " 0

271 " 0 " 0  
23 - 0 - 0  
294 - 0 - 0

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Chas. J. Van Dine  
Letter - Long