

Articles of Agreement Indented had made  
And Concluded upon the Second Day of March in the twenty  
Sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the  
Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the  
Faith &c annoq. Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty three  
Between Stephen Van Cortlandt Jun<sup>r</sup> of Biondriest in the County of  
Yldea and province of New Jersey Merchant of the first part  
Samuel Van Cortlandt of the same place Merchant of the second part  
John Van Cortlandt of the City of New York Gent. of the third part And Philip  
Van Cortlandt of Biondriest aforesaid Merchant of the fourth part In  
Manner following Viz =

Imprimis It is agreed by and between the said parties to these presents And the said  
Stephen Van Cortlandt Samuel Van Cortlandt John Van Cortlandt and Philip Van Cortlandt  
Have Joined and by these presents Do Join themselves to be Copartners together  
in the Art trade and business of Manufacturing of Wheat and Baking of Cornell  
and all things therunto belonging which said Copartnership is to continue between  
them from the first day of April Next ensuing the date hereof for during and until  
the full end and term of two years from thence Next ensuing and fully to be completed  
and ended and to that end and purpose he the said Stephen Van Cortlandt shall and will  
on the first day of April Next ensuing deliver in as a stock the sum of two hundred  
pounds Current Money of New York and the said Samuel Van Cortlandt the like sum  
of two hundred pounds and the said John Van Cortlandt the like sum of two hundred  
pounds and the said Philip Van Cortlandt the like sum of two hundred pounds, to be  
used laid out and employed in common between them in about and for the supplying  
and carrying on of the said business of Manufacturing of Wheat and Baking the Cornell  
And all things necessary and requisite thereto, It is also further agreed by and between  
the said parties to these presents and the said Copartners each for himself  
respectively and for his own particular part his Executors and Administrators Doth  
severally and Not Jointly Covenant promise and agree to and with each other and their  
and each of their Executors and Administrators by these presents in manner and  
form following that is to say that they the said Copartners shall and will from time  
to time and at all times during the said term of two years if they shall so long live  
do their and each of their best endeavours in and by all means possible to the utmost  
of their power Skill and cunning for their Joint Interest profit benefit and advantage  
and truly employ buyable Merchandise and employ the stock aforesaid and the increase  
thereof in the business aforesaid without any sinister Intentions or fraudulent  
endeavours whatsoever And also that they the said Copartners shall and will from time  
to time and at all times hereafter during the said term pay bear and discharge equally  
and proportionably between them all the Charge and expence that shall and may Reasonably  
arise by reason of and on account of said business and that all such Gain profit and  
Increase that shall come Grow or arrive for or by reason of the said business and Joint  
Occupying be equally and proportionably divided between them the said Copartners  
Share and Share alike And also such Loss as shall happen in the said Joint Occupying  
by bad debts Ill Commodities or Otherwise without fraud or Guilt shall be paid and borne equally  
and proportionably between them Share and Share alike And it is further covenanted and agreed

By and between the said parties to these presents for the better carrying on of said business  
that they the said Stephen Van Cortlandt Samuel Van Cortlandt and Philip Van Cortlandt shall  
be and remain at Secondus in the County of Essex and Province of New Jersey and their  
Managers and carry on said business of manufacturing wheat and baking the Cornell  
and that there shall be had and kept from time to time and at all times during the said  
Term and Joint Occupying and Partnership by them the said Stephen Samuel and Philip Van  
Cortlandt perfect Just and true Books of Account wherein each of them shall duly and  
truly enter and sett down as well all moneys by them Received paid Repaid and Paid out  
in and about the said business as also the Quantity of wheat flower Cornell bread and  
brand by them bought and Received and sold and Delivered by reason or means or upon  
Account of said Partnership and all other matters and things whatsoever relating thereto  
And also that he the said John Van Cortlandt shall be and remain at the City of New York  
and shall there purchase wheat and send the same up to Secondus and sell the  
flower bread Cornell and brand that shall be sent from thence by the said Stephen Samuel  
and Philip Van Cortlandt to New York and transact and manage or cause to be done  
transacted and managed all other matters and things that shall be requisite and necessary  
to be acted and done at New York aforesaid touching and concerning said business  
and that he the said John Van Cortlandt shall there keep Books and Just Accounts of all  
Moneys by him Received and paid out as also of all the wheat by him purchased and  
sent up to the Mills and of the flower bread and brand and other commodities by him  
Received and sold and all other particulars whatsoever to the said Joint business and  
Partnership in any wise belonging or appertaining And also that the said Partners  
once in six Months or oftner if need shall require upon the reasonable request of one  
of them shall make Oaths and Bonds each to the other a true Just and perfect account  
as well of all profits and increase by them or either of them so made as aforesaid  
and of all Losses by them or either of them sustained as also of all payments Receipts  
Disbursements and all other things whatsoever by them made Received Disbursed acted  
Done or Suffered in their said Partnership and Joint Occupation as aforesaid and the  
same account so made shall and will clear adjust pay and Deliver each unto the other  
at the time of making such account and settlement their Equal Shares of the clear  
profits so made as aforesaid And at the end of the term of two years or other sooner  
determination of these presents be it by the death of any or either of them or otherwise  
they the said Partners shall and will and in case of the death of any or either of them the  
Surviving party to the Executors or Administrators of the party or parties so deceased  
shall and will make a true final and Just account and settlement of all things between  
them as aforesaid and Divide the profits as aforesaid and in all things adjust the same  
well and truly And also that upon such final settlement and termination of the Partnership  
all the Debts or Demands that shall be Due from said Company or Partnership to any person  
or persons whatsoever shall be first paid and Discharged before any Division of the profits  
be made between the said parties And that then all and every the stock and the Gains  
and increase thereof which shall then appear to be remaining after the Debts are paid  
together Consisting of house or Slave servants Moneys Debts or of what Nature Quality  
of Denomination soever shall be equally and Indifferently parted and Divided and parted  
between the said Partners their Executors and Administrators there where alike

And Lastly for the true performance of all and singular the Covenants  
Articles and Agreements in these presents contained on the part and behalf  
of each of them the said Copartners to be performed, <sup>fully</sup> fulfilled kept and done they  
bind themselves their and each of their heirs Executors and Administrators  
unto each other in the special Sum of five hundred pounds firmly by these  
presents In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably  
set their hands and seals the Day and Year first above written,

Read and Delivered }  
in the presents \_\_\_\_\_  
Geertruyd Van Cortlandt  
Sarah Van Cortlandt

Steph<sup>n</sup> Cortlandt

Samuel Cortlandt

John V. Cortlandt

Philip Cortlandt

Articles of Agreement  
between Messrs. John & Phil,  
New York.