

Water Whit Lang 28th 1839.

Genl. Pierce Van Cortlandt

Sir,

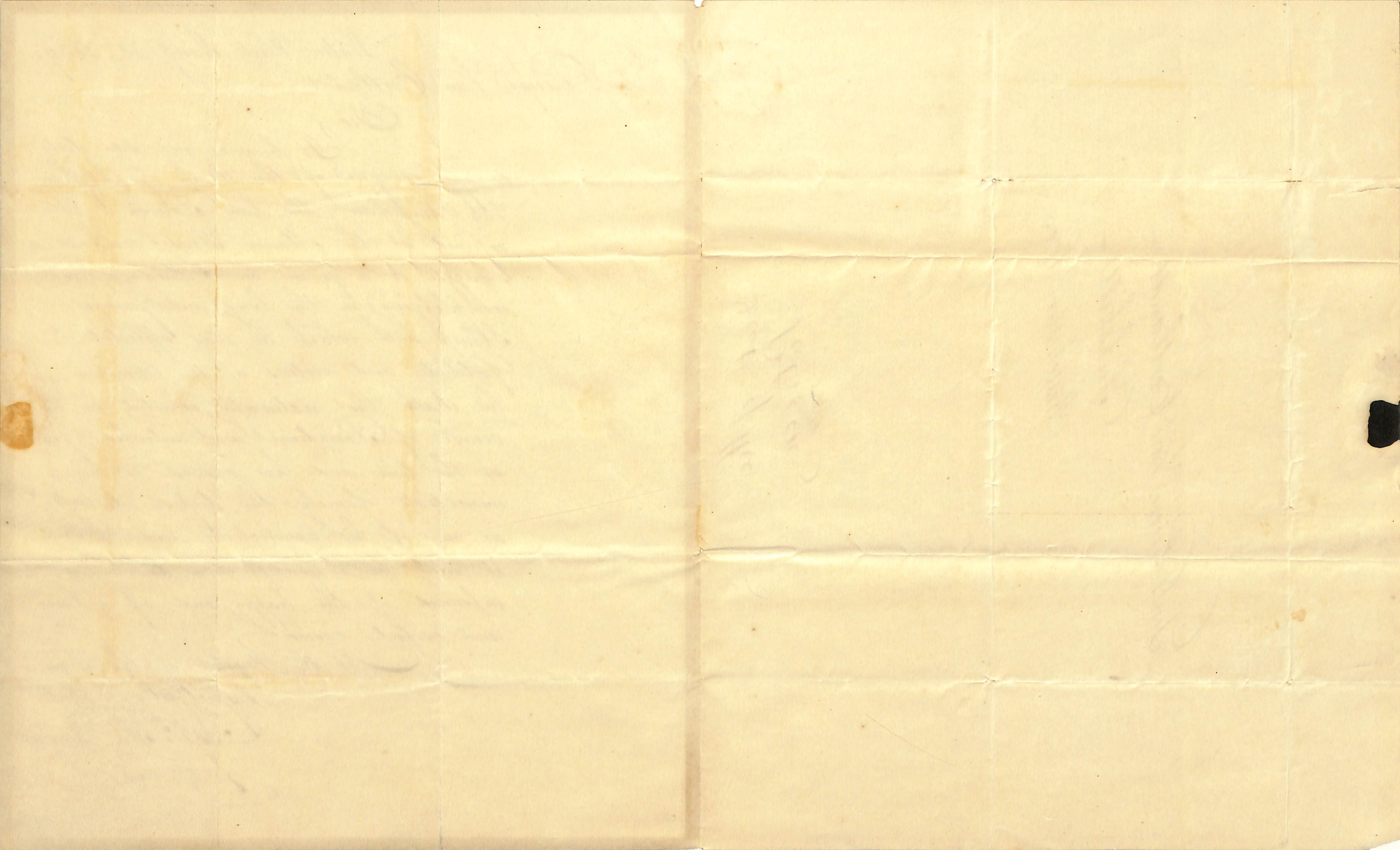
It becomes our sad duty to apprise you of the death of Stephen Van Rensselaer the late Patroon - He expired at the Manor House without a struggle or a groan on Saturday last, exemplifying in the long and painful illness with which he was afflicted the fortitude and virtues of the Christian; his death tho' naturally expected in the course of Providence was unlooked for at the time and has caused to his immediate family the deepest distress, as one of his connections and friends it may be a gratification to be informed of the happy end of a long and useful career.

At the Request of the Family

Respectfully Yours

Caspar H. Pruyn





Gen. Pierre Van Cortlandt. -
Peekskill -
Westchester Co.

James Freyer
residing at
Peekskill

Jan 28th 1839

Death of the
Laird