

Dr. Son Philip

I wrote you a few days ago that Mr. Cochran had passed this and since that I have heard that Mr. Edward Livingston has been in New York but have heard nothing from either of them Relative Mr. Livingston, I now write this expecting your answer before your Brother goes to New York who will take my orders in order either to file a bill in Chancery or prosecute the bond and if you think it prudent you can show this Letter ^{to Mr. L.} or communicate to him the purport thereof and as the bond goes on Interest the concerned can loose nothing by the delay that has been, But they insist that I shall proceed as they want the money and as no one has a leave for his life delays may be attendd with more trouble I should be happy if a Law sute could be avoided Your Mother and myself are well at Present (Thank God) And hope this may find you Enjoying health and happiness Am with Respect your Affectionate

Father

Beere Van Cortlandt

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affaires —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
 estate of the late John A. Smith, deceased. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the matter
 personally, but I will endeavor to do the best I can for you. I have already written to the
 executor of the estate, and I will continue to do so as the case progresses. I am sure that you will be
 satisfied with the results. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, J. A. Smith