

Abberville G. C.

Nov. 14. 1829.

My dear Sir,

I acknowledge with much pleasure
the receipt of your kind letter of the 28 of Oct.
Such is the increased facility now given to
the transportation of the Mail that your letter
was rec^d in ten days from Peaks Kill a distance
of nine hundred miles. Twenty years ago it
required three months for a letter to go from
here to N. York & back. Thus we see exempli-
fied the enterprise & industry of our people.

This is one among the various im-
-provements which originated from the
exertions of that man, whose untiring zeal
in the promotion of the best interests of his
country led to the most splendid results.
I mean Dr Wit Clinton, for whose memory
I shall always cherish the most affectionate
recollection. I thank you for the information
in relation to the venerable Gen. Philip
Van Cortlandt, your brother. As one of the

culicks of the Revolution he is pointed to
a monument bearing all the inscriptions of
the glory and achievements of that eventful
period. I am happy to learn that he enjoys
good health. My devotion to such men knows
no limits. Have you Sanders Anecdotes
of the Revolution? ^{It} You have not, pray buy
it. In it you will find a resolution intro-
duced by me into the Legislature of this State
commemorating the death of Col. John E. ~~Howard~~
Howard of Maryland.

I shall look with no little solicitude for my
young friend Pierre's letter. I am glad Mr.
Rogers has become reconciled to the marriage
of his daughter, and I should be equally
proud to learn that he had become a
member of the Temperance Society.

Like yourself I am rec'd no letter from
Old Kentucky. I am fearful he has fallen
a victim to some beautiful widow whose
charming and smiles have entirely divi-
-ted him from us. I am glad that you
intend to pay the President a visit he will
meet you with much cordiality. I expect to

on to Washington with Mr. Calhoun to whom
I have repeatedly spoken of you. He will be
glad to see you. We must try and meet again
next summer at West Point. We can do so
if we should desire it. Be pleased to rem-
-ember me most kindly to Pierre. Tell him
I should be glad that he would spend
one year at least in the University of
Virginia. Accept my dear Sir, the renewed
assurances of my first and best wishes.
E. J. Davis.

Yrs. Wm. Cortlandt.

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Gen: Pierre Van Cortlandt
Parks Hill
New York.