

There was formerly an Instrument Called
 An Antinuptial Contract Between Coll Henry
 Beckman And Gertuyd Van Cortlandt put into
 the Hands of the Lieutenant Governor James de
 Laney to be kept by him untill Called for
 And as his papers fell into the Hands of Thomas
 Jones his Son in Law One of the Judges of the ^{Supreme} Pro-
 vince of New York; who went to England And died
 there, And as I know of No one in England to make
 application to Therefore shall take it as the
 greatest friendship to me if you would take the
 Trouble and make such Enquiry Either of Judge
 Jones, family Or the family of Coll James de Laney
 So that the Instrument may be found And sent
 to me It would without doubt settle matters so as
 to put an End to a Tediuous And Expensive family
 Law Suit Which I have been Obliged to commence
 as Executor to the will of the Late Gertuyd Beckman
 I hope Sir you will excuse this freedom from me
 And am with the Greatest Respect your
 Most Obedt and Very Hum: Servt.

His Excellency

Rufus King Esq

Minister Plenipotentiary

from the United States

London

Estate of G Beckman
Copy of a Letter
Sent with the packet

To Rufus King Esq
Plenipotentiary at
London

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