

Dr Pierre Van Wyck

In Answer to your Letter of Feb^y 9. 1800 -

Qu^{est} - How is it known that the monies in Question was kept separate and distinct from her Husband's
First by Coll Beckman's Own Declaration in his Certificate and Bond.

There was a marriage Settlement between Coll Beckman and his wife which the Coll. very well understood or he never would have given the Certificate to Mrs Beckman and the bond to her Executors for the payment expressed therein

The Bond which Coll Beckman gave my father refers to a certain Article to be fulfilled on the part of the Coll. Copies of which ^{bond} I herewith send you;

The Articles above mentioned was deposited into the hands of the late Chief Justice James DeLaney, whose papers fell into the hands of Judge Thomas Jones, I asked Mr Jones for the ^{articles} in the 1775. who Refused to give them up unless by a Writing Order from Mrs Beckman

Coll, and Aunt Beckman sold a part of her Estate in Roombois patent for seven hundred pounds ^{or more} hundred of said monies was laid out to purchase this place at Peck's River to secure the stream The Title was to James DeLaney in trust for certain uses ^{which are} expressed in her will

Aunt Beckman received her Rents from time to time for a number of years which amounted to very considerable Sums. Coll Beckman often present

Copy of Certificate of Beckman

present never (to my knowledge) opposed it
The Old Lady desired me to take charge of a parcel
of Gold which was put in separate papers all
marked with the Coll own hand, I weighed them
Over again at Rhineclerk Mrs Montgomery and
the family saw me do it, publicly, nothing was said
further about it, which said money has been divided
Among the Legates by Mr John Fortlandt and my
Self. I Remember One of Mr Gerard Beckman's
Clerks in his Name applied to Coll Beckman
as Mr Beckman had had several before
for a bill on the Bank of London, his Answer was
he thought he had drawn on the Bank for his
Amount. But that his wife Mrs Beckman
on application to her, in my presence
had money in the Bank, her Answer was she
would rather leave it there, as it there was safe,
to nothing further at that time was done.

I have wrote to the General who corresponded with Mr
Philip ^{at my request} Fortlandt (if he is in London) and to Mr ^{my request} Jones at
to Endeavour to get that Article and transmit
it as soon as possible. I think he has ^{to send me out of his office}
I have wrote to Gilbert Livingston, ~~for~~ a Copy of Coll Beckman's
will and expect his answer probably the will is not there
Mrs Livingston's Maiden Name is Margaret