

Manor of Livingston January 25th 1778

My wife has an order on you from
Mr. & Mrs. Parker for the seventh Part, of the Linnen
of different kinds, & the wearing Apparel of Gertrude
Bushman deceased, which Linnen &c I am desired
to carry to Mr. Parker as I return to Land, which
will be in a fortnight. I could wish at the
same time to receive a seventh part of the above,
as well as the cash left to my wife. Leaving
these things in their present state, may be
attended with bad consequences, from the
Difficulties of the times. Unless you took care
to remove them to a place of safety, they must
have been in danger of falling into the hands
of the Enemy or being destroyed, in the course of
the last summer, and as this may happen
again, I hope for the sake of the Legatee, you
will have no objection to making the Dividend
more particularly as you some time ago expressed
a very great desire of having these Effects taken
off your hands. If any Difficulty arises with
you on account of your not being able to
divide according to the regular Form of Law, we
are ready to give Bonds of indemnification.
I shall wait on you in about 10 Days and am.
Sir y^r Obedient Servant John Cotton

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The Honble To

Pierre Van Courthand Esq.^r

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Mrs Lockhart
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