

This is to Certify to all to whom it may concern that I
Philip Van Cortlandt did on the Application of the Reverend
Mr. White one of the Methodist Preachers of the Croton Council
Consent that a Camp Meeting might be held on my Ground
in the Woods where it had formerly been held taken Care on
their part that no Injury should be done &c &c

The Law in their favour respecting Selling Spirituous
Liquor without Licence I expected would be ~~presented~~ ^{attended to} but I
but I was surprised when informed that my Neighbours
was forbid to dispose of the produce of their farms and Gardens
or Selling provision to those who was in need thereof
in a peaceable manner and what created my surprise
was that Tents was erected on the Camp ground for the
purpose of selling as grocers thereby ingrossing to a
few favorites a monopoly to the injury of the few
neighbouring Inhabitants of the Vicinity -
I remember when I was a Soldier in Command
& obliged to encamp in and among the farmers that I
had Sentinels placed so that no injury should be done
to any part of their property - but it appears that
nothing of that kind has been attended to - but on
the contrary fences have been thrown down fields run
over and injuring the consequence - but as the Law
of our Legislature in their favour would or could be
contested the utmost rigour was extended, even to fine
a person 11/6 for peaceably offering a few cakes to be
sold within the distance which the Law had proscribed
and a mother for offering to sell the Water Melons &
Apples raised on his or his neighbours farm -

Further I am informed that one man with a
Load of Watermelons sold to some of the Influential
number of the Camp his whole load and for
the purpose of being disposed of by one of the
Sellers in the Camp but that was prevented
by the person Intrusted to make reprisals and
in consequence lost all - I will mention
any Injury I have sustained notwithstanding
I gave them the privilege of encamping
without asking of them one Cent

I make no declaration as to any future Camp Meeting
only that I am determined not to suffer any to be held
without an agreement ^{made} ~~made~~ under hand and seal
The conditions of which to be subject to further Consideration

Answer to the Writings there was two Pents from N.Y.
who brought provisions for those of that place to board
with them; and it was supposed that some other persons
did eat them and paid them; and that some of the
Inhabitants was prevented in their Houses to sell
provision &c —

That Mr. Thuyet was fined for selling Spirits
Liquor &c

That two persons were prevented from opening
places for Sale not being their Dwellings Houses. &c

Cart with produce as water Melons. was prevented
from stopping in the Highway. where a collection
of people were gathering to the injury of Travellers

Information given me
after the Camp Meeting
closed the Day of Sept^r
1828. and Nathan
Andersen's. Information
and answer to Complaints
made. Yam

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