

Dear Sir

Verplanck Point 23^d May 1784

When I was with you last I inform you Gov^r Cortland had agreed that I should have all the buildings then on the point to convert in such convenience ^{as I thought proper} When I received any leave from him he assured me both you & he would give it me from under your hand since Mr Honey has removed all but the fort and a small hut at the river side and told me he had leave from you & the family for that purpose — I now live in the fort and find it exceedingly inconvenient the roof is very bad as it is made of narrow Oak shingles and very ill laid on — Mr Honey has given you a Description of the make of this building but I must inform you that many of the Logs are Whitewood and black Oak there is above the logs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet of Earth which from the badness of the roof is constantly kept wet and many of the Logs are beginning to rot and in the course of two years I expect will be of no value — I have began to Dig a ~~cellar~~ cellar of 18 feet by 36 and expect to cover it with a Decent house — I expect the timber of this building if sent to New York will sell for as much as will purchase Cedar or pine shingles to cover the house and perhaps as many boards as will parcel the house — Will it not be an advantage to the farm to have this useless building sold and the house properly inclosed If I inclose it with Oak it will be of little value when my leave

Canine - I wish you to write me on this subject and
I will wait on Geo: Corbitt for his consent also

I am with the greatest
respect Your obedient
servant
Sampson Dyckman

Dear: Very much etc

Sampson
Dyckman
Letter About
the Point
To S. V. Plank

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Yours in old
fashion - interesting