

**The People** of the State of New-York, by the Grace of God Free and Independent:  
TO *Pierre Van Cortlandt Esquire* GREETING:

WE, reposing especial trust and confidence, as well in your patriotism, conduct and loyalty, as in your integrity and readiness to do us good and faithful service, **Have** appointed and constituted, and by these Presents **Do** appoint and constitute you the said *Pierre Van Cortlandt* Major General of the Eleventh Division of Infantry of our said State with rank from the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1816  
You are therefore to take the said Division into your care, as Major General thereof, and the Officers and Soldiers of that Division are hereby commanded to obey and respect you as their Major General and you are also to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from our General and Commander in Chief of the Militia of our said State, or any other your superior officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you; and for so doing this shall be your Commission, for and during our good pleasure, to be signified by our Council of Appointment.

In Testimony whereof, We have caused our Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed: Witness our trusty and well-beloved *DeWitt Clinton* Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council of Appointment, at our City of Albany, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventeen and in the 42<sup>d</sup> year of our Independence.

Passed the Secretary's Office, the }  
29 day of August 1817 }

*Arch. Campbell* Dep. Secretary.

*DeWitt Clinton*

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I certify that Pierre Van Cort  
:land within named was this day qualified  
according to law  
Albany 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1817

Chas. D. Cooper Secretary