

Dear Son Philip

Dec^r 7 - 1795

Since you left this Old Mr Budd who lives on the
post Road where the Road Leads to West point has been here his son wants to buy
the farm at Wapingers Creek next adjoining the farm whereon munguetive to the
West he wants to know the price and what payments which if he likes he says
he will go and get Reeds on his fathers farm so as to fence it you will therefore
send you answer per first opportunity so that he may know how to order his
business accordingly. I have sent you the Croton River Map which you
enquired after when you was here last which you can consult at your
leisure hours. I shall be happy to hear from you by the post with the
Presidents Speech to Congress and such other newspapers as you can
conveniently send me it will amuse me much as there is but very
little company here and your mother and ^{my} self will be pretty lonesome
this winter Pierre says he expects to go and see you at Philadelphia and
after that to Albany so that we shall have little of his company

George Tomkins is in great expectation of raising
the Mills next Monday or Tuesday if the weather will permit. Our boat
has brought me up the Cyder and apples she got to Croton Friday night
took in the Articles Saturday. Came up here Sunday morning and Capⁿ Huron
is busie loading Walnut wood so as to go down to morrow. Pierre is going
with him. Your Ox Team was here Saturday and took down 40 Round Edge
boards for the Curb of the Well they had dug about ten feet down with
little obstruction. If they have good Stone there may be made a good
Well if the Well digger understands it. — They sent for 30. I sent 40 boards

Decem^r 15. Since I wrote the above Pierre is returned from
New York on Sunday last in good health. Came up in company with
Capⁿ Becker. Pierre saw Mr Beckman in town says he is very
penitent and humble (as long as it last) and mends his business
I hope he may. Your mama is well and my Leg seems to
be in a fair way of getting well soon. The Doctor was here this
morning says he need not come until next Monday. Your
mother and little Sally have the Charge of it. We shall
raise the mill to morrow if the weather will permit
great preparation here in the Kitchen way.

Sunday Evening I heard from Cottons Your Sister
and Sons were well. Tons told me Portland was
Reading above; Isaac Odell has opened a Road
through the Great Wash Bank and has been offered
a very great price for 5 acres half as much as his
whole farm cost him, Land sells high Everywhere
here

I have just received a letter from your
Sister Rebecca. She Mr. and Miss Backman were
all well and say if you mama & myself will consent
- I could stay shall come down and let us go
to Albany the first good sliding and insist that
I send an answer; My or Our answers will be
as Uncle Henry used to say, the chimney corner is best
for old people in the winter, I believe you think
so too, you will please to receive our best regards
to you and the family with yours Am your

Affectionate Father

Pierre Van Portland

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