

New York, 29th Decr, 1784.

Dear Sir.

I waited upon Coll^{le} Hamilton with all the papers, & instructions, you sent me respecting Aunt Beckmans property in the Bank of England; after his perusal of the same (together with Sam^l Jones, who some of the Legatees requests might be retained,) I called upon Coll^{le} Hamilton to know his Opinion of the matter, he told me that he & Jones had, had a consultation upon the matter, though not so fully as might be necessary & seems to doubt of issuing a Suite in Equity; unless some farther proof of the Contract could be obtained; I informed him of the first Contract which we could not obtain, & of the second matter which Benjⁿ Hissam drew; he requests if the second which Hissam drew could be obtained it might be of great service, therefore should be glad if you have it, and all such other papers as may have the least tendency to the matter may be sent down; though I would risque a suite as she will be obliged to Swore to her Answer; Should be glad you would lett me know as soon as convenient. in the mean time with my Friendly respects to you & Family.

Son^t John W. Cortlandt & I am your Obed^t

John Van Cortlandt
Decem^r 29 1784
Letter respecting the
Money due the estate
of Gertroyd Beckman

Honourable: Pierre Van Cortlandt Esq^r

// Lieutenant Governor of the
State of New York

From the Secretary of the Treasury