

December 9th 1820

My dear Husband

I was happy to hear by your letter from Hudson yesterday that you had arrived safe so far, I regretted you had come too late for the Steam Boat, I have not been so well for those two days past, but hope I will be better in a day or two the Measles prevail so much about & some of the Children at Piers school have taken it, I have thought best to keep him home have I done right, John is very attentive & has thought best to sleep here, he received a letter from ^(Boston) Farnes yesterday, who is quite in high life, he will be home next week, tell Sally I will send her the Muffin for the Valence she is making when you go down again, should William come to Peckskill ask him if he can spare a Shirt for a pattern then I will have them made for him the weather has been very mild since you left us, this morning it snowed which has now turned to rain — the old Woman is here yet I have settled with her but she has begged so hard to stay I told her she could stay this week this morning she sent up begging to stay another week, but I don't think I will let her, I had to pay \$5 a month

a Coloured Woman who formerly belonged to my cousin
M^{rs} Lane & who has lived at M^{rs} Woodworth going on 3 years
is coming here in a weeks time I have to give \$5 & half
for 1 month to try her - M^{rs} W gave her 6 in summer & 6-50
in winter, she has no husband & is honest & industrious

I will write you again very soon - Your truly affectionate
Wife Ann Van Courtlandt

I have just received your last letter & was happy to hear
you had got on so well - - -

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