

Dear Sir

When I first heard that ^{the} Land that Peter
Kier and Garrison proposed was to be sold I wrote
to your Dec. Brother that as Land now sold from seven
to eight pounds the acre and was rising in Value
I would give twelve pounds the acre - the Eight
said, and said that says adjoining the Road by the
Laggway as will appear by my Letter at that time And
I had his answer to me which I have to show you at
any time. It however fell through by Inattention
as soon as I heard the Land was sold I desired John
Conklyn to take with him Joseph Strang, Elias Durr
and Dick, and John Outlander or any other of the
Neighb. Court that would choose to go with him and see
that the line was rightly marked which was at that
time accurately done. Some time after you got the
same surveyor John Conklyn to run out the farms of
Garrison &c. as the fences stood, and said you had a
right to run the line out all that the Tenants had
Joseph Strang, altho the Surveyor showed you where
the true line ran; Therefore in order to have the
line confirmed and ascertained, I ordered the Surveyor
to be arrested for trespass. I then after saw him
and desired him to go and my son Pierre to appear
at Court and settle the business and present Cost
If I mistake not, Dr Wyck has done the same, neither
can I conceive why your poor neighbors should be any
Cost they were not trespassing neither can I think
they coveted any Right that did not belong to them

The General is going to New York to morrow
he will ^{proceed} straight to New York to stay the further
of the state ~~and~~ yourself going to London

You must remember that you asked
me if I was an Executor to an Estate, whether
I was or not I was not the land that was found
in the Possession of the Tenant. And what my
answer thereto was, I Endeavored to
have the old line between the two great Lots
fixed and agreeable as it had been by your
Grand ^{Father} and Uncle James. And myself some
time past; Many of the old marked trees are still
standing, John Conklin has Run the line since
he first Run it for me by your desire where
it now Remains. And it is right to be it
as the above is a plain Narrative of facts

I have at Present Nothing more to add
Am I your most Obedt and Very

Yours Son

Barre Van Cortlandt

Mr Philip Van Rensselaer

Van Rensselaer Point
Croton Aug 5. 1809

Letter to Philip

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