

Philip's Town Feb^y 10. 1794

Dear Sir,

I last evening received your letter of the 7th Instant, by which it appears that you wish to be informed of our incorporation, in order to remove a difficulty, that has arisen in the House of representatives, with respect to our Petition. — The Charter of these churches was lost in the late war; and has since been renewed, according to an Act of the Legislature of this State, passed the 6th Day of April, 1784, entitled, "An act to enable all the religious ~~several~~ denominations in this State to appoint Trustees, who shall be a body corporate, for the purpose of taking care of the improvements of their respective congregations; and for other purposes therein mentioned." And ⁱⁿ pursuance of the said Act, ^{we} had our proceedings not only acknowledged before a judge of Common pleas, and our name and title recorded in the County Clerk's office; but we have ever since proceeded regularly in the choice of our Trustees; ~~and~~ the names of whom,

at present in office, are William Denning
Pierre Van Cortland junr. Esquires, Messrs
Sylvanus Wright, James Sprock, Will^m
Lancaster, Benj. Ward, Isaac Mead,
Caleb Morgan, and Jarvis Dufenburg.

The title and name of our corporation
is, "The corporation of the united protestant
episcopal churches of St Peter's church
in Cortland Town, and St Philip's chapel
in Philip's Town". By this title these
churches are known, and by no other;
and it is to the trustees of these, that
we wish to have the Farm given;
to them, and to their successors in
trust, for the benefit of a minister
of the protestant episcopal church
in these two congregations forever.
The reason why we call ourselves the
vestry of St Peter's church and St Philip's
chapel, is because the names of trustees
is not perfectly congenial to our mode
of government; and I could wish that
an amendment might take place in
the act above specified, and that we
might be allowed to incorporate under

this government, as we used to do
in the former; with the privilege
of styling ourselves the vestry of
such a church. — I am sorry,

Sir, that we are obliged to give
you so much trouble; but
blessed is he who helpeth the
poor and needy; the Lord shall
reward him. — Be so kind as
to inform me of the event
of our affair as soon as it shall
be determined, and you will
oblige, dear Sir, your sincere
friend &c.

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Pierre Van Cortland junr Esq.

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