

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of
of the Town of Canaan, County of Colum-
-bia, State of New York, believing it to be
Expedient & Necessary to have a Magistrate for
the administration of Justice & for executing the
business relative to his Office, in this section of the
Town do for that purpose recommend Billy Hubbard
an Inhabitant of this Town, and to us well known, to
the Honorable the Council of Appointment as a
Person well qualified to fill the said office &
relying as we do upon his ability & activity in dis-
-charging the duties of Justice of the Peace we do
the more cheerfully recommend him to the Honorable
Council for an appointment to said Office.

March 25th 1818

Amos Taabody

Joseph Norton

Matthew Brogue

John P. Brogue

Henry Hendrix

Josiah Shelton

Samuel Palmer

Dear Sir

Canaan March 27. 1818

I have deferred writing to you Sir till this time owing to an expectation of receiving an answer to a letter Father wrote you soon after he returned from his journey to the West. but I am apprehensive that it has not reached you as the mails were very much impeded in their progress to & from Albany at that time. Father in his letter informed the General that the cause of his not waiting upon him on his return to Albany was the great pressure of business & a desire of knowing whether I would remain in Town for any length of time & whether I would be willing to accept the Appointment of Justice of the Peace which Gen. Courtlandt was so good as to offer his Influential services in obtaining for me.

I have Sir maturely considered the subject considering the Importance of the Office to Loc. myself together with the necessary business of this Office which is not Inconsiderable in this Neighborhood and which I am frequently called upon to execute. I have concluded if the appointment could be obtained. To accept it and execute the office to the best of my abilities. I have Sir drafted a petition or rather a recommendation which is inclosed & which is signed by the principal men of this Neighborhood to whom I have presented it - which Sir if expedient may be presented to the Hon. Council.

I am Sir personally known to Mr. Peter R Livingston of the Council who I presume will have no objections to my appointment if he does not make one from the difference there exists in our political sentiments which that Gentleman is well convinced of & I have not unfrequently had to receive a portion of the Effects of Wrath he has poured out without restraint upon those who have opposed the principles of the Livingston Squads. with due deference Sir to your better Judgment I submit the foregoing to your management. being well convinced that the welfare & happiness of the State, to be of the utmost importance & the just consideration of its influential inhabitants.

Nothing desires to be remembered with respect to the general Accept Sir assurances of the highest consideration from your obt. humble Servt.
 John W. Courtlandt
 Billy Hubbard Junr

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Gen. Pierre Van Courtlant

Albany
N.Y.



It is wished & base
I know on instance of his conduct as there
a corrupt on that Estiman mentions
at Gettysburg where I live
all those letters forwarded in New
York more as it is necessary

Miller will come out as Post McComb did
when he presented Estiman -

Delivered by post