

Dear Son Philip

I have Just now Received your Letter of the 14th Instant
and must Inform you that I have answered all your Letters
by writing three Letters before in One (Was inclosed a Letter
I wrote to Mr King at London to desire ^{him} to Endeavour to get the Anti-
nuptial Contract for your perusal) We have all here been
Much as Usual. Mame was not well last Evening; But Thank
God she seems to be better this morning We have not lately
heard from your Sister Beekman, she has had a boat through
but was getting better when we last heard from the Mills.

The Navigation is stop'd from Albany the River is close
as far down as Esopus Island the last trip from Poughkeepsie
wheat sold at 9/6. It is thought it will be as low as 8/6.
The mills have little to do at Present, better so than labour
for nothing. What Priviledges would you Chuse that the
Person who should take the ferry should have make an
Estimate of it the ferry ferry house and garden must pay me
One hundred Dollars. I suppose the whole to be worth 800 £
I have Recd 2 peckers only. Our Love to you Pierre and Patsy
Are here with us am your Loving Father

Decem 22.
Tuesday 1801

Pierre Van Cortlandt

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John Taylor

Dear Mother
I have just received your letter of the 27th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have not much news to write at
present. I am still engaged in the same business as before.
I have not time to write more at present. I must close for
this time. I will write again soon. I am, dear Mother,
your affectionate son, John Taylor.