

The lawyer for the same petition
has mixed up the undoubted
rights of the Van Cortlandt to the
soil of Croton River, with a
claim to the fisheries on the land
formerly belonging to the Phillips
Manor. I will by and state
that claim. — At the sale of
the confiscated land by the Com.
of Forfeitures, Pierre Van Cortlandt
bought land bordered by the
Croton River — When Pierre Van
Cortlandt resold he inserted a
clause as follows, "Serving and
reserving to Philip Van Cortlandt
of the Manor of Cortlandt Esquire
and his heirs forever, the privilege
abstract of of catching or taking fish with a
a deed, seine on any of the fishing places
dated May belonging and adjoining to the
2nd 1784 same of land hereby released and
from Pierre conveyed, and the privilege of
Van Cortlandt hanging up the said seine & or seine
to G Brown's dyke on either of the beaver, belonging
or adjoining to the said farm of land
so as not to injure any grass or grain
of any kind, hereby released, above
high water mark without any

brother of
1746/7

abstract of
a deed
dated May
2nd 1784
from Pierre
Van Cortlandt
to G Brown's
dyke

Indurance whatever"

At the death of Philip Van Cortlandt the rights were claimed by P. G. Van Wyck, as residuary legatee of his uncle Genl. Philip V. according to the terms of his will, -

As well be seen the question of rights to draw seems to be between the present owners of land formerly on Phillips Manor bounded by Croton's River belonging to Van Cortlandt's Manor and the heirs at law of Philip G. Van Wyck, -

To show that the claim of the Van Cortlandt to the river is and has been admitted -

1st City When the Dam of the Croton of N.Y. Aqueduct broke away, bringing down sand & gravel and injuring the river, the V's brought a suit against the City - The lawyers admitted the right but not the amount claimed. - They finally paid a fair equivalent -

2nd H.R. When the long sketch across Croton River from the thorough cut to a point just above Sing Sing was to be built the H.R. Road bought of River

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Van Cortlandt Secured the Land
under water of the Croton River
taking a deed for the same.
The Bridge crossing the Croton
and causeway was built over
Croton River and a deed
given to the County for same.
The Ing - Ing State Works
purchased off the Van Cortlandt
Trails, a piece lying under water
in Croton River, fronting their
Limeburning Station on said River
received deed for same.

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