

Dr John Philip

I am constrained to write to you on an Affair which
is very disagreeable to me being Injoin'd to it by the
Legates of Aunt Beckman's Estate, ^{at the Early Summering Execution} Some Years ago ^{my} Cousin
John Van Cortlandt Dec^d went with me to Coll Hamilton
and gave him a Copy of the Papers, herein ^{sent you} enclosed
and gave him a Fee In Order to file a Bill In Chancery
Against Mr Livingston, ^{but to wait for the direction} I was In hopes some compromise
might take place, But have Received some ^{some ago} Years ago
a Letter from Mr Tillison which you have seen purporting
That Mr Livingston could do no otherwise than his father will
Direct, Mr Cokane wrote me that it was his mother
Desire ^{also} that I should proceed, All which has been deferred
until now, ^{Therefore} I propose sending son Pierre to New
York to speak to Mr Hamilton about it and also
retain Judge Troop and let him ^{well} find Mr Hamilton
file a Bill so that shall be no longer claimed
^{it is said Coll Beckman attended will just before his death, when he reassumed the money in question}
You can if you think it ^{best} let Mr Corwin
see this Letter or communicate it to him at your
Leisure hours. W^d it be well to apprise Mr Edward
Livingston also of it and let him see the papers
I now send
~~Account of~~ ^{That} all which I leave to your
prudence; your Mother and Family are all
well and wish you health and happiness
Am your Affectionate father

Copy Sent
Nov 30-1797
To Philadelphia

Copy of a Letter to
Ph. Van Cortlandt
about the sent against
Edward Livingstonth
November 13-1797

M^{rs} Ann P. Van Rensselaer

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