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Dear Philip

I am now here and have been with Mr Benson and Jones who think it best to withdraw the Croft bill which is now depending in the Chancery Court. I am convinced that if Justice could be come at that there must be a large sum of money due to me from Mr Cortlandt but as that cannot be come at I am oblig'd to acquiesce with the opinion of my Council who have advised me to do it, altho with much Reluctance.

Now the next thing that is to be done, is, to see that the money be ready for to make payment and how to get it I do not at present know. There is money enough due to me by mortgage but that cannot be come at unless advertising six months publicly which I should be loath to do you will therefore take some thought about it and assist me in doing and given your advice about it so that I need not come to any more trouble and anxiety for my advanced years. I hope I may receive your answer to this soon with such advice as will extricate me out of this difficulty which it seem Justice will not. I left your mother last Monday she was well. Pierre is somewhere in town I have but just seen him he is to go up this day he told me this morning that the whole ticket in West Chester County would go in. David Gelyton it generally said will be one of the Senators. I think it says now between Thomas and Clarkson for the other. I am just going home with Jap^m Lawrence as far as the Mills, Pierre & Wyck is with me. Am with much regard yours

to the Mills at
Parks Hill near
work the go completely,

Affectionate Father

Girre Van Cortlandt

Thos. Smith

to me particularly. I am glad to hear that the
mills go on well and hope to hear when
Prime writes that the logs like brought are at
the saw mill and that Benjⁿ Salts is at
work. I make no doubt but lumber will be
high this fall or when ever the embargo is
taken off. — With very Love and
best respects I remain Your dutifull

Ch. H. Cottrell

Father on the
Harney List &

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