

Henry -

March 26 - 1875 -

Some years since your Grand
Father promised to give James Sharoch a lease
for a Circle of Land on Anthony's Cove. upon the
conditions mentioned in the Enclosed ^{Copy of a} lease, two or
three years elapsed before the ~~Lease~~ ^{Lease} was executed, &
in Order to make Sharoch grateful and at-
tentive to our Interest in preserving the Timber
& preventing Others from committing Trespasses
he had One year & upwards rent free. But he
was not to cut any Walnut wood upon any
pretence and not to carry off any ^{kind of wood}; before the
Lease was executed he had taken & carried away
at least 100 ^{or 200} cords a vast quantity of which
was Walnut - Since the Lease was executed
he has taken off a vast deal and has accounted
for only 65 Carman's Load; Your Grand Father
permitted him to cut knees & thin Timber out of
such wood as he ~~least~~ ^{least} for brick wood, by giving
One half of what it sold for; and as he did
not account for One tenth of which, I ordered
him last fall to desist and not to cut any wood
but such as his lease mentioned - - While I was
in New York ~~last~~ ⁱⁿ February last he cut for
Joseph Travis upwards of 120 ^{tons} of thin Timber
and has destroyed all the White Oak Timber on
the premises - He has Time after Time
committed Trespasses on the cove beyond the

Limits of his lease; He has cut down the Dam reserved in his lease - He has cut & carried away a number of Cedar Posts, which Trees are particularly reserved. In short he has done nothing but steal since he has been there; He will owe on the first day of May One Year's Rent; He also owes for ten Acres of salt meadow he has yearly cut over and above the five Acres mentioned in his lease, He is the completest scoundrel I know - & therefore must be treated in that manner; He is now in New York and if he is there when this letter reaches you which you will be informed of by Captain Conklin I wish you to issue writs & have him taken there; I suppose he will be much pleased to find Bail, and will perhaps move the Judge to put the term opened for to give Bail for, should that be the case, let me know & I will bring down two or three witnesses to show the Injury sustained - - - -

The Charges against him are -
for cutting the Walnut wood -
for cutting and carrying away a vast Deal of Walnut as well as other wood before the Lease was given -
for cutting the Walnut wood since -
for cutting other wood where he had permission without accounting -
for cutting a vast Deal of Timber, wood & Hoop poles upon the Crose beyond the Limits of his lease, without any permission whatever -
for destroying the Saw mill Dam -
for cutting & carrying away the Cedar Trees -

for the rent mentioned in his lease -
for ten Acres yearly of salt meadow -
for not making as many rods of Stone fence as he was to do -
for cutting the Short Timber for Travis contrary to his lease and contrary to express Orders -
To grain out of the mill about £3.0.0 - ~~that~~
before you will want to ~~decide~~ against him I shall see you, and then will furnish you with a regular Account. I wish you to write to your Grand Juror (if you have him taken) that he must not receive any money or have any conversation with Sharrock whatever, that you will attend to it & bring the fellow to Justice -

I send you enclosed Copies of both his Leases, they explain themselves - The last one was given last year for the Clay field which was reserved in his first Lease, the one there is a forfeit of 500 and the other 100 Dollars for the non performance - must both be consolidated, the only breach of Covenant in the last is for non payment of rent and cutting the Cedar Trees; no other kind of Timber was on it -

Your Grand Juror until lately had a very excellent opinion of Sharrock, and would not hearken to any thing said against

him. But he now is convinced of his baseness
and is urgent for his prosecution; I should like
he arrested in New York. He will no doubt come
to you, tell him if he will pay you three
hundred pounds, you will discontinue the
suit otherwise not -

Write me by mail as soon as
he is taken - yr Aff^t Uncle

John Cortlandt Jr

Pierre Chan Wyck Esq

N.B. There has no rent been paid ~~until~~
since May 1804. so that there will be
the first day of May ^{month} one year due -

I suppose if he is prosecuted in an action of Covenant
now, when the first day of May arrives, yr G. Grace
may distrain for the half years rent since last Nov^r.

Pierre Chan Wyck Esq

John James
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