

Jon Philip

Last winter when I was at Albany there
Came to me two men, Abraham Pelts and Jacobus
Van Dyke who Informed me that they had discovered
a valuable mine on Anthony's nose that they would
take and work it provided I gave them a lease
for the same they Insisted on having the lease for
Ten years and promised to give one sixth part of
the profits arising therefrom without any deduction
after a great deal of conversation I consented to give
them a lease for a Term not less than seven years
for the same, thinking it would be an advantage
for my self and the family to have the discovered
made they have been to me several times for
the lease and I have as often put them off
untill the last time ^{that} Abra^{ham} Pelts was here when
I promised them I w^{ould} do it I therefore now
am ready to give them a lease for my part
of the mine with given me One sixth part as
the lease shall Express Under Certain Restrictions

now if Couz: Philip & Cortlandt and his Couz: ^{no. 10} Steph:
& John with the family will consent to take the
Same Lay as I have done and will give you on
your brother Pierre a lease as above then there
is the Greatest Likelihood that the mine will be
worked on As I will Engage for the Part of Cour:
Philip and William who are also Entitled to One
Quarter between them as Tenants in Common
And I think they can have no Objection to the
proposall above; And it will be using me hard
for my Misadvises. ^{if not acceded to} As I did it for the best of the
Whole family According to my Judgment you
Can Communicate this to Our Couz: and advise
them to it As they will Run no Risque at all
And the Mine Reverts to them again In the time
above Specified And if they will not Join me
It must Lay as it is, for Inspection

To all to Whom these Presents may Come Greeting Know ye that
I Pierre Van Cortlandt have this day given my Consent That
That Abraham Pelts of Dutchess County And Jacobus Van Dyke of
the same place And their associates to say these are the Names of the
Leffers. Abraham Pelts. Daniel Lefferts. Richard Cantillon Jacob
Maraquat and Nicholas E. Gabriel. May go to Work On any part
of my Land On the noose Lott in the Manor of Cortlandt And open
any Mines or Mines at their Own Proper Cost and Charge With pay-
ing or Delivering one full Sixth part of all the profits Arising thereon
Without any Deduction thereof whatsoever unto the said Pierre Van
Cortlandt his heirs or assigns which said Sixth part is to be appro-
priated according to the direction given in the will of the Late Mrs.
Gertruyd Beekman And the said Pierre Van Cortlandt is to give to
the said Abraham Pelts. Daniel Lefferts. Richard Cantillon, Jacob
Maraquat and Nicholas E. Gabriel a proper Lease for the same
for a Term of years Not Less than Seven. Provided that the said
Abraham Pelts, Daniel Lefferts, Richard Cantillon Jacob Maraquat
apply unto the said Pierre Van Cortlandt for the same Any time before
the first day of May next Who are Actually to continue and work
the said Mine or Mines from time to time from and after the first
day of June next and Not to Leave of working said Mine or Mines
for any longer time than two months Under forfeiture of the said
Lease. NB They may begin to work the Mine or Mines As soon as they
please, In witness hereof the Parties have hereunto set their
hands this 24th day of January 1709

PVC
JVS.
Gc. W

No One of the Parties to Whom the Lease is given to sell
or dispose of his share or any part thereof without the
Consent of the said ^{Pr^{ty} of the Land} in Writing Under his hand and Seal
Nor to Remove the Oar from the Premises. but all
the Smelting and Refining the same is to be on the
Premises. The Lessees are to have Liberty ^{to Cut} of Wood for
Coal and Timber for building. And may take of what
building they put on at the Expiration of the Term
Unless otherwise Agreed on, AB Should there not be
a further forfeiture for non performance

Copy of the Writing
given at Albany by
J^{es} H^{enry} H^{enry}
drawing out the same
1709