

Croton Sunday afternoon.

Friend Sir,

Agreeable to your Request I have been to New York and Second River and am just Arrived somewhat Fatigued or should have come up to see you and let you know in person the Result of my Negotiations but at present perhaps this method will answer the purpose.

I Arrived Thursday Evening in town but too late to wait on Our Cousins the Next morning I went to see them and had some Conversation the Result was that they were disposed provided it was Agreeable to Cousin Philip their Uncle to leave the whole Affair Entirely to you to do as you thought best I then resolved to go to Col. Ph. V. Cortlandt which I did and told him you were about turning Miner and Asked him what he thought of it, he said he would come up and see to it himself and that I should go with him I was fearful to let him know every thing Only told him that you was determined to go to work at any rate and either that he should agree to be his part of the Expense or you would give him the share he said he would think of it this was all I could get from him only his promise not to dissent or be concerned with any one but Our Family I came to New York again Friday Morning and went to see Stephen and John Stephen said as before he would leave it all to you but upon pressing the Matter with John about the Immediate Necessity of going

to work and my wish for him to venture
whether they shoud be their part of expense
or take up with $\frac{1}{2}$ he chose the latter and said
he was shure it would be the wish of his Family
upon which I told him that I believed you would
proceed and depend upon giving $\frac{1}{2}$ of the whole
and further as I had reason to believe you
was much engaged that I should see him again
on the Subject so as to complete the Matter
before much expense accrued I then left
him — I now think it will be best to
have an Instrument of writing drawn
by way of agreement between your
Self and all the parties of that Family
and have it Signed by them or as many
as will immediately and then when you
give your leave to Potts and his Associates
let it be expressed for the Wright you
hold as $\frac{1}{2}$ Aunt Breckmans Will and not
further than you will afterwards come
in for your Right as $\frac{1}{2}$ Contrast with
Our Cousins — I send this wishing you
Answered the Boat is ready to go up but
will it not be best to have the affair with
Our Cousins first settled but you know
best if you think she had best go up I
will go myself and can take what you
write for and can call at Mathews where I

have a number of Boards I saved and will
take them with me or if you want further
to Consult. I will come up tomorrow afternoon
by land you will please to write to
me what is to be done

M^{rs} Isaac Odell Sampson Cyckmans
Mother in Law wants your 3 year
old Steer to return when 5 years old
I am to determine him tomorrow by your
Answer

this is all from your Obedient

son
Chas. V. Westcott

30. $\frac{1}{2}$ doz at g. £1-2-6
 15. ll at 1/8 — 1-2-6
 20. ll at 1/6 Work — 1-10-0
 Weaving — — — 1-5-3
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Care Van Cortlandt Square
 Bucks Hill

Philip Cortlandt
 Letter respecting
 Col. Philip Cortlandt
 Cortlandt -
 Mines

13. ll. Work. at 4/ — — — £2-12-0
 20 ll filling — 2/ — — — 2-0-0
 Weaving at g. 48 yards — — — 1-15-3
 6-7-3

5-17-6

47. at 2/6
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 94
 23-6
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