Summary

Creator: Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848
Title: Pierre Van Cortlandt correspondence
Date: 1787-1845
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Abstract: Pierre Van Cortlandt, Jr. (1762-1848) was a soldier and politician from Westchester County, New York. He was a U.S. Congressman from 1811-1812 and a brigadier general in the Westchester militia during the War of 1812. His first wife, Catharine Clinton Taylor, was the daughter of George Clinton, governor of New York from 1777 to 1795 and 1801 to 1804, and vice-president under Jefferson and Madison, 1804-1812. Van Cortlandt was the son of Pierre Van Corlandt (1721-1814) who had been the first lieutenant-governor of New York. Collection consists mainly of letters received by Van Cortlandt. Letters concern family, political and personal matters and are from members of the Van Cortlandt family, the Clinton family, as well as political figures.

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**Key Terms**

**Geographic Names**
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865  
New York (State) -- Social life and customs  
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865

**Occupations**
Politicians

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Soldiers

**Names**
Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1762-1848  
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852  
Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828  
Clinton, George, 1739-1812  
Coxe, Tench, 1755-1824  
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893  
Genet, Edmond Charles, 1763-1834  
Tallmadge, Mathias B  
Van Cortlandt, Pierre, 1721-1814  
Clinton family  
Van Cortlandt family