To the Honble Cadwallader Colden
Esqr President of His Majestys Council
and Commander in Chief of the Province of
New York and the Territories depending
thereon in America. In Council.

The Petition of Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake
Junr James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake
all residents of the Province of New Jersey

Most Humbly Shewith Unto your Honour

That on or about the 18th Day of April Last your
Petitioners Arent Van Corlaer & Nicholas Lake pro-
posing to take up a small Tract of Land on the East
side of Hudsons River within this Province came
to this City with an Intention to Apply for your
Honours leave to purchase the Quantity of about five
thousand Acres. That they accordingly went to
Fort George in order to Obtain acces to your Honour
and to Acquaint your Honour with their Intentions
That they were Introduced to your Sonr Mr David Colden
and Acquainted him with their Intention as afore-
said who told them that your Honour was indesposed
but that he would immediately go & Acquaint
you with it, that he returned soon After and told
the Petitioners the said Arent Van Corlaer and
Nicholas Lake that your Honour was much
indisposed but that the Petitioners might have
the Land if they Purchased it or words to that Effect
That Encouraged by this Declaration your Peti-
tioners the Said Arent van Corlaer & Nicholas
Lake immediately set off for Albany and Agreed
for and have for the Consideration of fifty Spanish
Dollars Obtained, a Deed from Jacob alias

Schenck

Schenck the Indian Proprietor for a certain parcel of Land lying on the East Side of Hudsons River in the County of Albany on bothsides of a Brook or Rivulet called by the Indians Tightikillijag-tihook by the white People the South Branch of Batten Kill Bounded on the South by the Patent of Wallumschack on the west by Sawyers and Lansinghs Purchase on the North by Batten Kill and on the East the High Mountains: as by the said Deed bearing Date the twentieth day of may last and herewith produced may Appear, That your Petitioners since the said purchase are informed that this Goverment do Look upon the vacant Lands on the East Side of Hudsons River as Vested in the Crown your petitioners therefore humbly hope that their having made the purchase aforesaid without a written Lycense will be no Impediment to their Obtaining the Grant aforesaid but that on the Contrary as they have thereby been put to a Considerable Expence besides the payment of the said fifty Spanish Dollars and are Ready with their own and your Other families now all Residing in New Jersey to go upon and settle the said Lands immediately or as soon as may be during the Course of the present Summer your Honour will be pleased to Indulge them in a Grant preferable to any other Persons who have been at no Expence concerning the premises and perhaps are not in the Capacity of settling them so Speedily And therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that in tender Consideration of the Case of your Petitioners and the great Loss of time and Expence it will be to them

Should

Should they be Disapointed in their Intention
that your Honour will be pleased to grant to
them the Quantity of five Thousand acers
of the Lands described in the said Indian Deed
under such Terms as Lands are usually
granted within this province
and your Petitioners as in Duty
Bound shall Ever pray—

New York 15 June 1761

Arent Van Cor Laer
Nicolas Lake Junar

15th June 1761

The Petition of Arent Van Corlaer Rotheer for a Grant of 5,000 Acres of Land on the East Side of Hudson River

17 June 1761. Read in Council and referred to a Committee

22 June Reported and Granted & Warrant of Survey ordered dated the same day

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