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Mr. Cornelius Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

You will receive by registered mail, the Samuel Vernon porringer I spoke to you about on the telephone.

The initials on the handle "EM" designate some member of the Malbone family, a direct descendent of Godfrey Malbone who came to Newport from Virginia. As you are undoubtedly aware, one of the Malbones had ten children so it is not possible for me to tell you what the "E" stands for. I can tell you, however, that the porringer is a family piece; purchased by me from a member of the Malbone family living here in New York. It has never been out of the possession of some member of this Newport family.

The Samuel Vernon mark is one of his early marks and the handle of the early type showing that the piece was made around 1710. It must have been treasured as a family piece because I have never seen a piece of silver as old as this in such perfect condition. There are no repairs whatsoever; no blemishes and in my opinion, this is one of the finest Samuel Vernon porringers available anywhere.

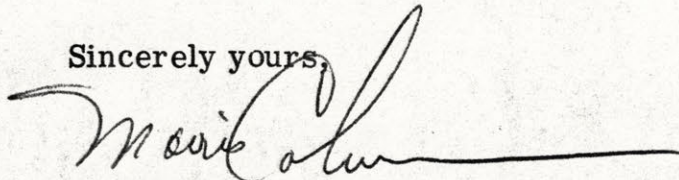
As I told you, I paid \$1500 for the porringer. I would like to make \$250, so the cost to you would be \$1750.

I quoted you a price of \$400 on the John Gardiner sugar tongs. John Gardiner is one of the rarest known of the early silver-smiths, and his work of the highest quality. While the tongs are not elaborate, the exquisite workmanship is quite evident. If you would take both the porringer and the tongs, I would take \$2000 for both pieces. This, in effect, knocks off \$150 from the price of the tongs, but I would like to see you have them because they are rare, and I think would make a worthwhile addition to your collection.

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In any event, let me know what you want to do. Of course, even if you do nothing, I will continue to show you high quality silver as I acquire it.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morris Cohon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Morris Cohon

MC/krm