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Dear Mr. Moore:

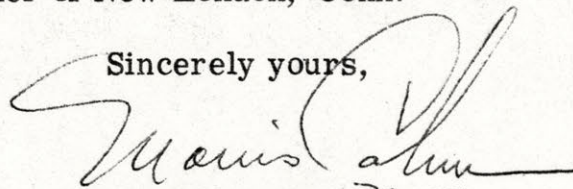
I have sent the sugar tongs to you under separate cover.

These tongs were made by John Gardiner of New London, Conn., who was born in 1734 and died in 1776. He was a descendant of Lion Gardiner and the son of Jonathan and Mary (Adams) Gardiner. Jonathan was a physician and was lost at sea in 1735 or 1736. Mary Adams was the daughter of Rev. Eliphalet Adams. John Gardiner, the silversmith, was one of the best silversmiths to work in Connecticut in this early period. He made the famous silver cup belonging to the Berkeley Divinity School.

The tongs are of exceptional quality and marked clearly in two places with the initials of John Gardiner plus the lion which he often used to show his descent from Lion Gardiner. The mark of the lion is worn, but I have examined it carefully under a high-power glass and it is his mark.

The price of the tongs is \$400, and I guarantee them unconditionally to be mid 18th Century, pre-Revolutionary, and to be made by John Gardiner of New London, Conn.

Sincerely yours,



Morris Cohon

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