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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore
179 Thames Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your check for one thousand dollars received to-day.

I have an interesting item I got hold of lately which I thought you would like to see when you next come in. It is a punch ladle by Daniel Henschman, the son-in-law of Jacob Hurd, who is perhaps most famed as the maker of the Eleazer Wheelock Monteith Bowl at Dartmouth College, presentation to the founding president on the first commencement in 1771. So here is the punch ladle. It has an oval scalloped bowl D H inside center, Whalebone handle. A small item but an unusual one, and the price reasonable \$150.00.

I was about to write you a line further to the description of the Casey cream pitcher, an element of interest that you would want to have if available, the original ownership, the C standing for Crawford, one of the early families of Rhode Island I have encountered in past genealogical search for details of certain Rhode Island descents that came up with reference to old silver.

Nothing further as yet on the Parker cann, which I have felt can best be allowed to be brought to me rather than make appearance of going after it.

Incidentally I have checked back to an Antiques Magazine request for a subject of special interest in our collection specifying a fine example of its kind, in answer to which we included an illustration of the Stephen Emery sauce boat as one of our most desirable and rare early American pieces. While as I remember their report on it was but a brief mention in a column discussing a few various items of English and American silver, for your reference this came in the November 1948 issue. This piece was also included in our exhibition at Currier Gallery in 1948.

The figure for it on the list for insurance which I did not readily find the other day, of that consignment (from which a limited budget selection was made of pieces they acquired to add to their own collection), was \$2250.00 subject to sales tax addition. This was in line with my father's estimate of relative rarity for this item which he formerly had held as high as \$3500.00.

Yours very truly,

J. Herbert Gebelin
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