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79 Chestnut Street, Boston 8, Mass.

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

Dear Mr. Moore:

The porringer was sent out yesterday.

The description card was omitted and is enclosed herewith.

If you would close up the prior account together with this piece as a cash purchase, you may take a 10 per cent discount on it to bring the price for the porringer to \$495.00 instead of \$550.00. The total for payment would be \$1,295.00.

An item I have thought I should propose as of special interest in combination with your Newport pieces is an example by Moody Russell of Barnstable. You know there is quite a circle of family relationship between the group comprising Samuel Vernon, James Otis (born in Sandwich, nephew of Moody Russell) and probably Daniel Russell, all of Newport, Eleazer Russell and Edward Winslow, the latter two of Boston, and Moody Russell of Barnstable. They were tied up in or with the descent from Anne Hutchinson. Moody Russell's dates were 1694-1761. We have from my father's collecting (acquired late 1936) one of the small flaring beaker shape cups (ht. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ") with grooved strap scroll handle, maker's mark M R in rectangle struck on the side near top of handle. Engraved on the bottom are the initials "MG". We also have two rat-tail spoons by Moody Russell with the same (apparently his only) mark. Although without any published offering of it or private quoting for that matter, I have been holding this cup at \$880.00. It's a relatively early piece of course by Russell, an early maker, just eleven years younger than Vernon. If you think you would

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like to obtain it in a parcel with your current settlement on the other pieces already delivered. I would say I would make my proposition \$1,900.00 for the deal. You may of course choose your own option as to the transaction you wish to carry through according to the foregoing.

Very truly yours

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

By: *J. Herbert Gebelein*

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