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*Silversmiths*  
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*79 Chestnut Street. Boston 8, Mass.*

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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore  
179 Thames Street  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your notification of your decision to take up the opportunity to obtain the pieces together as all of the same original ownership while pairing the gravy boats again as they originally were.

Judging from a tankard advertised on the back cover of last Antiques in comparison with which the fine Simpkins example is earlier and of course identified also as to the original ownership, the proposition is attractive for all three pieces at the price named in lieu of separation.

As mentioned I do have a cash buyer's standing desire for a gravy boat in early American silver, as also a specific interest in obtaining a Simpkins tankard. Simpkins incidentally, although of course not unlike others among the early silversmiths, has ancestral relationship to some people of latter day importance, as the conversation of one familiar with the family group including members I knew of from prominence on my father's old customer list brought to my notice, and recent inquiry was evidently from another of these. I do still have the initial-marked small tankard by this maker which I had illustrated last year in "Oldtime New England", the publication of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Very truly yours

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

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