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Mr. Cornelius Moore 179 Thames Street Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

I enclose the statement of your balance and will be most appreciative of your returning an early remittance.

I feel I should call your attention to an exhibit of some significance in its commanding size and representation of its type as well as its associations.

The large tankard with lip, or flagon, shown by the enclosed photograph, comes so near to home in the Revere legend as to have been produced by one who was both apprentice and brother-in-law of the Patriot-David Moseley, Boston 1753-1812, and for a patron prominent resident of Beacon Hill who with London business ties kept out of the activities of the Revolution but was a highly regarded acquaintance of Paul Revere, figuring in the latter's account books and correspondence. This was John Joy, Jr. from whom this flagon descended.

In Esther Forbes! book "Paul Revere and The World He Lived In" you may find her brief references of interest from a thumbing of the back index.

This flagon which my father acquired from Joy family descendants was exhibited in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts 1911 event as permanently recorded in the book "American Church Silver" which was something more than a catalogue of the exhibition. I think it should be an opportunity for your consideration and would submit it at the price of \$2200.00, which is reasonable for this piece as well as being considerably under what the same piece bearing the stamp of Revere himself would bring although its characteristics no doubt indicate correspondence of his apprentice with the ways and means of the master on some of whose marked pieces Moseley and others when in the Revere employ must have lent a hand.

Very truly yours,

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

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