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Dear Mr. Moore,

Thank you for your reply of May 12.

I must amend my previous letter to say that I have on making a close examination of the mark turned back the drum tankard, therefore the collection reverts to the scope already reported. Although the tankard did not come up to expectations for Edwards, the placing of the mark and its closeness to the genuine at cursory viewing invited partiality to the older vintage of its type, but studied comparison of the mark with that of the maker of our tankard, caster, child's cup, and rat-tail spoons in the last analysis as it would in the first on the same basis, throws it out as a hoax. It was perhaps but a coincidence that a perpetration purporting to be by this maker were to be submitted to us.

I am in touch with a situation whence another additive element in the extraordinary or unusual class suited to the quality of the collection, may be turned up, but I am glad to wash my hands of the above teaser. With an eye to perhaps later developments from the bona fide provenance of material readily to be welcomed, I am as you have requested holding our Edwards group secure. Should you wish to look over the illustrated portfolio of it, I can of course send that down to you in the meantime.

Very truly yours,

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