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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore
112 Bellevue Avenue
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I wrote Mr. Tillou in July
"Is the tankard advertised the one you had
or another, and how much is it? It looks
older than Rogers doesn't it? The mark pre-
sumably is JR or IR. Were the early owners
Newport people? There appears to be a coin
in the cover".

Whereas Tillou sold me a few pieces at a time
when he was giving up collecting, it appears
he is back in business and he did not answer
this query I suppose because he had other ideas
for it, and so it is the same one which he did
show me here. That was in May 1961. I don't
recall whether it was referred to as by Joseph
Rogers at that time.

When seeing it in your possession, the details
I observed of correspondence with New York
tankards are the wavy "dog-nose" tail piece of
the handle and the shaped tail extension from
the hinge. The inference may be that there is
an as yet unidentified New York maker of the
early 18th century of the initials IR.

Very truly yours,

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

By *J. Herbert Gebelein*

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