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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore
112 Bellevue Avenue
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

I hope this finds you taking the warm and the cool of the Newport summer season in stride.

The above was my start on a line to you before interruption Friday. It is nice to receive yours of the twelfth this morning and note that you expect to be on the firing line soon.

The Coburn cann happened to be snapped up meanwhile by a local seeker belonging to one of the old families here as it seemed I could not deny him the opportunity when he expressed interest to buy it.

I have obtained another Coburn porringer but I assume the excellent one you have which represents Coburn as tied in the Edwards group by his apprenticeship to be adequate.

Fortunately I am having the prospect of getting another interesting cann, which is by Samuel Edwards, of the curved form very heavy and with a very uncommon handle pattern, SE mark crowned in shield on bottom, old owners' initials top of handle.

Your rare tapering banded example with the monogram cypher (tankard mug) is something different and your Joseph Edwards, Jr example shows the typical entity of the mid-century. This additional Samuel Edwards piece would not duplicate but would add to your showing by the Edwards family themselves, with Samuel of the middle generation but an early maker, born 1706, nearly contemporary giving four years, of Jacob Hurd and Paul Revere, Senior who were born 1702. The elder Revere it has been observed made a similar cann but I have not checked the instance. This Samuel Edwards cann would run to the 1500.00 mark. On a short-term transfer I would figure a less price.

On the subject of the document pertaining to Judge Lynde, this was not of the period of the earlier Judge Benjamin Lynde whose initials are on the Hall & Sanderson tankard, and it was only

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incidentally that I mentioned it in connection with the can that was owned in the Oliver family into which there was merged the Lynde descent.

It would probably be of interest to Essex Institute but the value indicated to Mrs. Oliver for the royal document by comparison to some other document of around a thousand dollars might take some selling to some intercessor.

I will get a photo taken of the SE can should you desire to see it.

Very truly yours,

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

By *J. Herbert Gebelin*

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