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79 Chestnut Street, Boston 8, Mass.

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

Dear Mr. Moore:

It was a pleasure to have a partial view of your pieces to be exhibited as well as a view of the ocean, and it will be a treat to meet up again with such objects that were already stowed in your laundry baskets, as the little tray of which I had forgotten you were the cognizant buyer, and the Joseph Smith teapot too which I had forgotten you have although the piece not forgotten.

Incidentally Stephen Emery's first date has been published c.1752 and while having a son Thomas Knox Emery born 1780¹⁷⁸¹ would indicate Stephen's birth nearer than the 1725 date (possibly in error for 1752 by switch of the last two digits), the work he did suggests an earlier birth year to be ascertained. On the other hand if the date of the inscription on your gravy boats were actually retrospective, these subjects which do look like the 1760's rather than the 1780's might indeed have been made after seniority of a man born in 1752.

I think it would be a very good extra feature I overlooked suggesting for you to place a Pine Tree shilling along with the Hull & Sanderson tankard. This would be as good (in their displacement) as any or many words of commentary.

Very truly yours,

GEBELIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

By *J. Herbert Gebelin*

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