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Mr. C. C. Moore  
192 Belgrade Avenue  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore,

A Benjamin Brenton (BB twice) porringer has been shown me which may be available. I have assumed however that you would be content with the one you have. On the subject of Brenton someone down there was searching the subject, but an article announced for "Antiques" Magazine was then postponed. My question as to which are the correct dates, or which Brenton of the various ones with different dates, was the silversmith, had brought the answer that it was the man born in 1710 - which would be appropriate to the type of porringer such as yours and this other similar one, and spoons I have here for examination (in connection with the differentiation from BB items of somewhat later date by Benjamin Bunker).

Enclosed are a couple copies of reprints of our 1947 display of your Joseph Smith teapot, and typed note on the same, which was given a label in the recent Providence exhibition which was derived from the addendum entry in the E. M. Currier book of marks evidently, without reference to the record of Joseph Smith, d.1789 as given in the Hallis French book, who worked at 48 Newbury Street (now a portion of Washington Street).

With all best wishes for the New Year.

Very truly yours,

*J. Herbert Gebelein*  
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