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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore  
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Dear Mr. Moore;

I have just taken in a Philadelphia piece with Newport interest. It reveals to me that Philadelphia was indeed not remote to the Newport scene.

This is a small reeded (hooped) mug engraved with the crest of GIBBS, ~~of~~ a mailed arm embowed, holding a battle axe, over the engraved name (script) S. Gibbs (for Sarah Gibbs of Newport) of the family known there in a Philadelphia trade connection. It is the characteristic type with the square-section double scroll tankard-type hollow handle, height 3 3/8 inches. I have just purchased directly from a family heir by gift from her mother. The price is \$800.00. The date would be from the 1790-1800 era when Paul Revere also made this type, and its English counterparts have dates from the late 1760's on. The mark J. Lownes script is the same as on the covered sugar urn I showed you together with a Wilmington, Delaware cream jug which are on the typed memoranda.

By coincidence today I have taken in also a Philadelphia covered sauce tureen which was purchased this morning in Newport. It is by Lewis & Smith (partners 1802-1811) but has no engraving of the identities of the local people. It is oblong half leaf-chased, pedestalled, a later form than would be suggested for your collection, but which is in line for the interest of those who have been giving attention to selected early 19th century examples.

However this thought on the Newport-Philadelphia intercourse would make apparent that it was indeed not inappropriate that I brought along the available examples which include the Joseph Richardson, Jr. covered bowl with the pierced gallery.

Very truly yours,

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

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