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

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Dear Sir:

A fine American silver Porringer has just come to hand and, even though it bears no maker's mark, we thought it might be of interest to you.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of the back of the piece shewing the inscription; and it came to us with the legend that it was at one time in the Henry Ford Museumin Dearborn. We are writing to the Curator to try to verify this.

If it interests you we will be glad to send it to you on memorandum and, because of the absense of a maker's mark, we can offer it for \$550.00 Federal tax included. It would bring twice that price if the maker was known. The Gardiner family of New London were well known in the whaling and shipping business.

Thanking you for your favors, and in the hope that we may be of further service to you, we are,

Very truly yours,

p.p. Museum Silver Shop, Inc.

Philip F. Basson