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Roxbury 10th Novemb: 1785.

Sir

Your favour of yesterday was handed to me last evening; I have contemplated the subject as much as time and circumstances would permit; the article of Tobacco, perhaps, may in some respects be considered on a footing with the important article of Hemp, the first, I am persuaded, might be raised in large quantities both for home use and for exportation, and the latter in sufficient quantities for our own consumption; the one, therefore might be productive of much wealth from foreign Countries while the other would occasion a great saving of CASH among ourselves; there may, ^{be} this difference however, that Tobacco will flourish in a sandy Soil, if well manured, while Hemp requires the strongest Ground with a considerable quantity of manure.

I am at a loss to determine which of the two Commodities would ultimately prove most beneficial to this Commonwealth; perhaps, from a consideration of the beautiful variety of Soils, by which Providence hath distinguished us, both might ^{be} cultivated to great advantage; in order then to carry a measure of this kind into effect, it is necessary for Men of abilities and Spirit to step forward, and, by shewing the advantages to be derived from pursuits of this kind, in their Public Writings, on the one hand, and by their Examples on the other, stimulate their fellow Citizens to such exertions, as may, in their operation, prove a source of Wealth, Honour and advantage to their Country, and, in time, place us above the reach of Want and a humiliating state of dependence on any foreign Country whatever.

The exertions made in the course of the late War to promote and encourage AGRICULTURE and in MANUFACTURES and the ARTS and SCIENCES are striking specimens of what AMERICA is capable of doing; it would be a gross reflection on my Countrymen, to say, that they had sunk into a state of ease and inactivity, tho, it must be owned, we have too much relaxed from that spirit of Enterprize which prevailed generally through this Continent during a period so distressing as the late War, and at a time
too

too when we displayed a Martial Spirit that did us
the highest Honour as a People, and a disinterested gene-
-r-ine Patriotism that astonished the World; it was, how-
-ever, an event to be expected on the establishment of a
Peace after a struggle of eight years for the greatest
of all temporal Blessings LIBERTY and INDE-
-PENDENCE.

To contribute in, any degree, to the pro-
-moting of any usefull Improvements would afford me
the highest satisfaction, tho, I am ^{conscious} ~~confident~~, I should
fall far short of doing justice to the subject; indeed,
should I now attempt it, the attempt would only tend,
I fear, to injure the cause, as besides the want of a
competant knowledge of both the Theory and practice of
Husbandry, I have been for some time past, and am
still, exercised with a painfull nervous headach, which
prevents my attempting any kind of composition of
importance; whenever it shall be in my power to comply
with your desires it will give me much pleasure,
till when I am,

with great regard,

Sir,

Your friend & servant

Thos Clarke

Captain Joseph Pierpont.

Captain Joseph Pierpont

Present.

Thomas Larkes
Letter

Cap^t. William Rogers

To William Stevenson

[Oct. 13, 1792]

1792
October 13th To this sum paid for you £ 2. 0. 3
To 2 barrels Pilot Brand at £ 5. 4 11 . . .
2 Dr. Whiff Ditto at £ 4. 1 8. 2 . . .
1 Quarter Cask Whini 40 . . .
3 barrels Pork at £ 16. 4 49. 4 . . .
1 half Can Cologne Jun^r 8. 2 . . .
1¹/₂ dozⁿ Ducks 12. 3 . . .
To My draft this date in your favor on Mess^{rs} Christened
Pitt & Co^{ys} London At Six Months sight for } 1108. 2. 4
£ 190 sterling Exchange At 75 p^{er} Cent . . .
To Cash paid you the Balance 1. 6. 5
£ 1241. 5 . . .

Supra C^t

1792
October 13th By 21 chests Hyson Tea At 43 dollars & Cher £ 1241. 5 . . .

St. Leger's 13th October 1792 From Exchequer


133. 2. 2 = 4/4 1/2

10. 8. 6

17. 8

Will^m Stevensons
Acct. 13 October
St. Eustacia 1792
D. B.

Boston 12th November 1801.
Son Thomas,

My last letters were written the 18th 21st & 23^d ultimo, with the second of which your Trunk was shipped, on board the Sloop Margeriet, Capt. John Dutch; but I have not received any information whether any or either have reached you. Nor has the Stage Driver paid the expense, as he promised to do, or made any enquiry about it, to my knowledge. You will, perhaps, think proper to pay some little attention to it; for however trifling, it is plain the Trunk was lost by carelessness, and the Monies necessarily expended for its recovery, and it is unreasonable it should be thrown on me, through the Driver's inattention; for I am naturally to suppose that the same promise has been re-iterated to you which was originally made to me.

Agreeable to the ideas suggested in your last letter of the 20th ult, I wrote, on the 9th instant, to Capt. John Wood of the Ship John Adams, relative to the Ship Chandlery, (extract of which I annex,) and am persuaded he will cheerfully pay every attention thereto.

I am unacquainted with the manner in which the Glass manufacture is carried on in this Town; nor do I know how they vend it. If it is done by consignments, I should suppose your House might easily obtain a proportion of it. I will endeavour to ascertain the fact, and inform you of it. But I should suppose it might be more eligible to apply directly to some one of the concerned: Your Friend Mr. S. W. Walley, whose Father, I believe is one of the principal,
would

would, I think be a proper person to apply to for information; his knowledge of the business, and regard for you, would enable him to be correct, and prompt him to communicate its most willingly.

I have the pleasure of informing you that your Relatives and Friends in general are well; and, that you are, and may long continue so, is the wish of your affectionate Parent.

Thos. Clarke

Extract of a letter from Thomas Clarke to Capt. John Wood dated. Boston 9th Novem^r. 1801.

"My oldest Son has recently set up his business, (that of a Book seller & Stationer,) in the Town of Portland, in company with a Mr. Jenks, under the Firm of Jenks & Clarke. In that young, but very growing place, there is no Ship Chandler; and they are of opinion that the Business, with a moderate well assorted Stock, would answer very well; and have in consequence requested me to mention the subject to you, and to ask the favour that you will have the goodness to procure, for their information, a complete list of all the articles usually imported by dealers in that line, with the prices annexed to the several articles. If you will take the trouble to do this, you may render an essential service to two industrious young men, and very much oblige me; and permit me to add, it may perhaps prove a mutual benefit to both you and them in future, should they finally adopt the plan they have in view."

P. S. Ship Warrington. Capt. Delano.

Great Grand Father's letter



Mr Thomas Clarke Junr

Stationer

Portland

The Clerk's
Nov 24 1801

Boston 9th August 1802.

Dear Thomas,

Your letter of the 22^d ult is received. and I now inclose the letter which I took out of the Post Office for you, in the Month of June last. Several weeks since one of the Managers of the Amoskeag Lottery informed me "that Mr. Parker was going to Kennebeck, and proposed to call on you, and supply you with Tickets on his return." I suppose therefore, of course, that you have already received a supply. The list of prizes I should suppose would be at the same time communicated to you.

You will do well, I think, to disclose to W & G, at a proper time, the facts you mention relative to J...; this may not only efface any improper impressions his representations may have made, but also put them on their guard with regard to any future concerns.

I am happy that you feel confident of being able to meet the several payments, as they will become due to Mr. Jenks; as punctuality in this case may be highly advantageous to you in future, by laying a firm foundation for any reasonable credit you may have occasion to ask. I am also pleased to learn, that your credit is good with the Bank; but I most sincerely hope you may not have occasion to avail yourself of it; for in general such credit is too delusive to build upon.

To support yourself, and gain a little, is as much as the greater part can do in these difficult times; and by persevering in a steady course of Prudence and Industry, for a few years, you will no doubt be able to extend

your Credit, "and (with safety) do business on a larger scale, and to more advantage."

I have made several attempts to sell your Sheep Skins, but have not yet been able to find a purchaser; I will, however, embrace the first opportunity to dispose of them.

I also called on Messrs. J & B Loring, and requested their attention to your Books; they informed me "that a part of them would be completed, and forwarded by this opportunity."

By the same Vessel I propose to send a Bundle for Samuel, if it can be got ready. In my letter of the 3^d instant, I mentioned what I thought necessary relative to Samuel; to which I have only to add, that an honest, industrious disposition; a desire to render every service in his power, is sufficiently apparent in him. You will, I am persuaded, do all in your power to cultivate and improve those good qualities; to which your being generally with him, and embracing proper opportunities of communicating gentle advice, and information, may greatly contribute. You will do well to put him on his guard against impositions; and endeavour by every mean in your power to inculcate the high importance it may be to him, to you, and to your good Customers, to learn to be correct, and avoid mistakes: And should he unfortunately commit any errors, that he exert himself in time that they may be rectified before any bad consequences flow from them.

He is your Brother, and is, therefore, entitled to your kindest attention, if he behaves well: your Interest and Duty combine, therefore, to make him useful to yourself, as well as to form him for the business of life: and let me add,

as much may depend on your kind attentions, if he makes a proper improvement of them, he will derive a lasting benefit; and you will not only have the satisfaction of reflecting with pleasure on your endeavours to inform and improve his mind, but it will reflect on you the highest honour; an Honour that no time or circumstance will efface. It is the greatest kindness you can do him: In return, he cannot but feel grateful for such attentions: And, (what I am assured will have considerable weight in your mind, and influence your conduct,) they will very much oblige me.

My good Friend Mr. Smith is, ^{and} ~~has~~ has been for some time past, much indisposed; I am therefore uncertain whether I shall be able to make you a visit as proposed.

With my best wishes for your Prosperity,
I am Your affectionate Parent

Thos. Clarke

Thomas Clarke Esqr
Aug 9. 1802

(copy)

London. 25. May. 1846

Mr. William. M. Rogers.

Boston.

Sir,

We had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 1st Current, via New York, and have since none of your esteemed favours.

Captain Stevens has been detained longer than he expected, the reasons of which he will explain to you when he delivers this. He expects to leave us tomorrow morning, and we now hand you a statement of the ship's expenses as far as the Bills have already come in. They amount to a considerable sum, but we trust the Captain has been as economical as possible, which we recommended strenuously to him immediately on his arrival here.

It is not possible to send you the Ship's account, nor account of sale of the Staves of the Captain, but they shall be made up with all possible dispatch, and forwarded by an early conveyance.

is probable the statement annexed does not include the whole of the Traders' Bills.

The Freight is not yet received; it is not due till two months after the ship reported, which is the 9th proximo. In consequence of the total sum to be paid not being filled up in the Bill of Lading we shall have some difficulty in receiving the Freight as it must now be charged at the weight landed here.

With assurances of our best wishes at all times to render you agreeable service, we remain,

(Original of Mercury)

Dr. the Owner of the Mercury.

L. Mann & Barnard.

Rough Sketch of Disbursements.

Paid Pilotage Dungeness to the Downs	8th April	L 4. 14. 6
Captain Penn's order for Provisions	" " "	3. 18. 2
ditto ditto draft	15th " "	10. " "
ditto ditto ditto	25th " "	10. " "
R. & L. Keale River Pilotage	17th May	11. 0. 6
ditto ditto full waterage	" " "	20. 10. 0
B. Phillips	Provisions	35. 5. 6
E. Butts	Painter 5 Cent off	4. 15. 8
Thos. & Sons	Carpenter meat	4. 7. "
styled John	Carpenter do	12. 10. 6
B. Stanley	Broad & Low 5 Cent off	38. 12. 5
George Davies	Joiner do	14. 4. 2
Robert Greig	Earthenware do	7. 18. 4
John Chuter	Brokers, including Custom House charges, Duties, Lights, &c	189. 6. 4

P. J. P. 3

Mr. Wm. Rogers,

London, 6 June 1802

Sir,

We request your reference to the foregoing which we forwarded to Captain Stevens, and we now hand you account of sales of the Staves & Mercury, the neat proceeds of which are £168 7 1 to your credit, as Cash, 30 June.

We wish it was in our power to forward the Ship's Account of this Conveyance, but it is impossible to make it up with any chance of correctness until the whole of the Freight is received. We have much difficulty in getting the landing weights, which you will find differ very considerably from those in the Manifest - some are above 2 1/2 lbs.

We hope in a week or ten days to have the account made up and forwarded to you, meanwhile, tendering our best services, we are, very respectfully and truly

Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Mannad Barnard

P.S. - We have just now settled with the two Gony Meas, who intended to go as passengers with Capt. Stevens, and in consideration of their poverty and inexperience we have compromised with paying them ^{back} half their passage money, say £18. which is to your debit, with a small charge made by our Attorney of £1. This £36 rec^d on this by Captain S. will be with you for

Stafford July 25th 1811

Thank you my Dear Ann for your
Charming letter it afforded me heart felt Pleasure
to find you so interested for my health - and so domestic
pursue in well doing - I was much pleased by
your Papa's account of you to me - that your ~~conduct~~
^{not only} met his approbation but was pleasing to all the
Family - should Sally want money you must get
it of your Papa for her - remember me to her tell her
we shall bring all our cloaths home clean - we get
them washed well and cheap here - I am more
pleased with the situation of this place than I was
it is wild and romantic ~~wants~~ much cultivation
the Water which you see in every direction is the
greatest ornament it has - David and I often wish
you was here - I think you might gain great informa^{tion}
and improvement from the great variety of Company
we see daily - there was some fine accomplished young
Ladys here last night but gone to day - I forgot to
mention to your Papa an interesting visit I made
to a man who is an hundred and three years old
a fine pleasant intelligent old man says he can
remember when he was a child and shot Birds with
a Bow an Arrow and it seem but as a week ago - can
walk with as much alertness as David - nakes has now
I shall get the Girls together and give them a wonder^{full}

account of the Old Man when I return

I think my Dear it will be pleasant to you and it will be perfectly agreeable to me for you to have your young friends to see you - may have any preserves you can find to make it smart your sister I dare say will go I should like you soon much - as I think I now may say I am better I hope it will continue - I feel better to Day than I have done since I left home the weather is fine for the first time since I left Boston

I have just returned from a walk and feel quite encouraged the Day is so fine it inspires me with spirits - I wish you would finish the Diaper and give it to your sister - you will find it in the middle drawer in my Chamber - pray do not neglect to make as much Raspberry Jam as 5 or 6 quarts of Raspberries will make

I forgot to mention to Betty in my letter to her she had better take that muslin net gown of mine she will find it useful if she wish's she may make any alteration she likes - Tell Solomon I am half angry with him he is the only one of the family that has not written to me - I shall begin to doubt his affection for me if I do not have a letter soon

I have nothing to add but that I ardently wish I may shortly return benefited by my Journey - altho I wrote to your Papa yesterday my love to him tell him

I am better to Day Tell Thom and ^{little} Sally - I hope to hear good accounts of them when I return If so I shall reward them according to their merit

I shall write your Aunt Davis and wait for an opportunity to send all my letters private as postage will be more than they are worth
I am your affectionate

Mother

Signed Eliza Townsend

minutes - as
it will contain
since I left
time since

and last

Miss Ann H. Townsend

Boston

Of mine she will find it would
make any alteration she likes -
half angry with him - he is the
that has not written to me - I sh
his affection for me if I do not
I have nothing to add but that I
may shortly return home - I sh
I wrote to your Papa yesterday m

Boston June 13th 1812

Dear Brother

It is now a long time since we heard from you. Eliza received your favour per Mr. Frothingham I was glad to hear you was so well situated and I hope you will make out to rub along as every body else has to rub and go as the old saying is. Mr. May does not sell goods enough to provide for his family if it were not for his house in Montreal

I do not know what he would do. there is a great quantity of goods smuggled now a days if it were not for that I do not see how people would get along. ~~now~~ but they are chiefly piece goods hard ware being too heavy last week there was two fishing schooners seized by our vigilant custom house officers. two or three of the rascals hailed a sloop going up Medford river the sloop had on a deck load of wood they could not come at the hold they thought it prudent to remain by it all night they left one of them and the rest went off a little after dark they hauled up to the wharf when some back woods gentlemen (Indians) came on board and secured him in the Cabin and then hoisted out the bails of goods after ^{first} throwing off the wood. after the Indians had carried off their

bouty they let the gentleman go. two of them went into
a house yesterday and search'd the trunks and drawers
hull'd all the beds to pieces could not find any thing
and went off ashamed of themselves. Mama received a letter
from Charles a few days since he is very well and is coming
down some time this month. we expect Lois up every day
Eliza has a full school 19 scholars I am happy with Mr. Mor.
give my love to wife and children remain your affectional

Brother

Calvin Clark

PS Hatty Balch has a daughter

Edw Clark

June 1812.

Mr Thomas Clark
Portland

for Mr Frothingham }

Second 10 Royal Chertall
First 10 Royal Chertall

London February 6. 1815

Cap^m M. Rogers

Bristol

Dear Sir

In our respects of Dec. 5 10 Rumbler & Jacob
Jones we informed you that we had determined in case of not being informed
of peace between England & America at the time the English fleet sailed to remit
your funds in bills, & as the second fleet are now on the eve of departure we
have purchased exchange on England at six shillings 10 pence, at which rate
it must be much more for you without than bills on America at 10 a 15 10 Cent
advance, now however seem to be obtained on America that we thought unobtainable
& therefore did not hesitate to invest in them on England which we feel confident
will be more for your advantage, even admitting that the Exchange between
England & America should be at 10 a 15 10 Cent discount, the bills now remitted
will give you as good a result as bills on America at 15 a 20 10 Cent advance;
Should peace have taken place the Exchange between England & America will
probably be at par in which case the present remittance will give you
upwards of 30 10 Cent advance, which will probably be as much as will
be made by shipments of merchandise; The balance due you as you will
perceive by our account current was 7399.40/100 which sum we have invested
principally in 30 day Government bills 10 Mm^o at foot at six shillings 10 pence,
giving the sum of Two thousand, two hundred & Seventy pounds, & Sixteen shillings
Five pence, & have remitted the same to Sam^l William Esq with direction
to collect the same for you and to advise you of the receipt, & grant you
his authority to draw on him for said amount, which he will no doubt
conform to; We are unacquainted with your London agent & therefore thought

it most prudent to make the remittance through W. Williams, we hope that
 this arrangement will meet your approbation, & prove productive; You remark
 W. Hooper is still here, & we shall continue to supply him with what money
 he may stand in need of which will be but little & with much respect

We remain Y^r faithful servants
 Perkins & Co

1. Sett of English Gov^t bills drawn by the Com^r General in Montreal
 on the Lord's Com^r of the Treasury at 30 days sight endorsed
 to W. Williams for your account 1000. 0. 0

1. D^o D^o D^o D^o 500. 0. 0

1. D^o D^o D^o D^o 500. 0. 0

1. D^o of Exchange drawn by Messrs & Roberts & Co on Baring Brothers
 & Co at 90 d^s sight endorsed to Williams for y^r op^s 219. 11. 5

£ Stg 2219. 11. 5
 at 1/2 p^r Cent. 7399. 40/100

2219. 16. 5
 739. 18. 10
 2959. 15. 3
 9865. 88
 789. 27
 10,655. 15

Thank you for your kind letter
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Capt Wm M. Rogers

Care of John Dorr Esq

Boston

U.S. America

Recd
Sept 10 1861
Wm M. Rogers



Dupe

London Aug^d. 22. 1813

Capt Wm. M. Rogers
Boston

Sir, I have the pleasure of
informing you that I yesterday received from Messrs
Perkins & Co. of Canton, accompanied by the enclosed
Letter, a Remittance of Two Thousand Two
Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings
and five pence (£2219. 16. 5) in the following
Bills— 3 on the British Government for £2000

1 private 219. 16. 5
which by their direction, I shall pay to your Credit;
holding the amount, up my Commission of 1 p cent,
subject to your disposal,

With a tender of my Services,

I am truly

Sir,

Your Obed. Serv^t
J. Williams.

Care of Mr John Lorr,



Capt. Wm W. Rogers
Care of
W. John Dorr,
Boston.



[Sept. 1, 1826]

This Indenture made and entered into on this first day of September Anno Domini One Thousand eight hundred and twenty six - by and between Samuel May and Calvin Whiting Clark both of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Merchants - Witnesseth - That they have in consideration of the several covenants to each other hereafter made and one dollar in hand paid, entered into a Copartnership in trade under the firm of Samuel May and Company to continue until the 31st day of December One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine, - unless sooner dissolved by the death of either of the parties or by mutual consent. _____ Samuel May agrees on his part to put into the concern as a Capital (for which the Company is not to allow Interest) such amount of Stock as was on hand the first day of July one thousand eight hundred & twenty six (as per entry in Waste Book A - page 1. to Debit of Merchandise account and also to his Credit,) and for particulars of said Stock reference is made to Stock Book. - all additions that shall be made to the above named Stock which may not be procured from the Sales of the same shall be paid for, two thirds by Samuel May and one third by Calvin W. Clark. - upon the expiration of the Copartnership S. May is to receive back such part

of the Stock as was on hand prior to the said first day of July 1826. — at the prices it was taken at by the firm of Samuel May & Co. and all the residue of the Stock being such as has been added to it since that period shall be disposed of at Auction or in such other way as shall be judged by the parties most advantageous for speedily closing the concerns of the Company.

all debts that may be due the firm shall be held as Company property for the payment of debts and subsequent disposal. — and are two thirds at the risk of Samuel May and one third at the risk of Calvin W. Clark — and the profits of the Business are to be divided in the same proportions. — S. May agrees to guarantee to C. W. Clark a return of such Capital as he may put into the concern with the consent of said May and Interest upon the same — and also One Thousand Dollars per annum during the continuance of the Copartnership, however unprofitable the Business of the concern may prove. —

all monies that may be withdrawn by either of the parties for his necessary expenses shall be charged upon the Company's Books — and an interest account shall be kept which shall be adjusted annually. — The Rent of Store No 1 Broad Street with all its fixtures as it now is for the use of the Company shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum which S. May may withdraw quarterly.

and he is to keep said Store in good repair and to pay all Taxes which may be laid thereon.

C. W. Clark agrees to devote his whole time and attention to the Business and not to be concerned in any Speculations that may hazard or interfere with the Company's interest; — He also agrees that S. May is to devote only such part of his time and attention to the Copartnership concerns as he (S. M.) may deem for its interest.

attest

Edw. Langdon

John Harrington

Saml. May.
Calvin W. Clark

Boston 10th August 1830. the foregoing indentures are renewed by mutual agreement of the parties upon the same terms and conditions excepted — excepting that the sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum for Rent of the Store embraces also compensation for the board and services of John Jos. May during his minority — and also for the care of James Terry. — the Copartnership to continue until 31st December 1835 — unless sooner dissolved by consent of parties or by death.

Saml. May.
Calvin W. Clark

1824 Novr 5. Thos living
came to Saml May & Co
as apprentice Aged

They are to allow him
for his services 50¢ the
first year & an increase
of 25¢ per year as his
services may become
valuable. —

May 10 th pd him in lieu of her quinter -	10.
July 29 th pd him	30.
Novr 11 th pd do	20.
in full for the 1 st year	\$ 50. —

agreed with the Father that the
next year he shd be paid \$ 100. —
left May 23^d 1824.

1829 July 13th delivered Mr
W Hayward - 3 deeds & 268
rects &c relating to Estate
Jno Crehore

1827 Apr 9th John Stinson
came to Saml May & Co
as clerk at a salary of
\$800. - per year.

settled with and paid J
upto 1st Jan'y 1829. he allg
2 months absence \$133.33

Feb'y 27th settled a/c's with
John Stinson & paid him
two months salary to the
1st March & dismissed him

1828 June 16 Benjamin
Franklin Wooper came
to S May & Co as apprentice
aged 4 years
no bargain made as to
compensation. ^{left about} 1st October 1828.

^{left about} John S May came to
S May & Co - abt 1st October 1828
aged 15 years
no compensation for his or Jas Ferrie
services.

Saml N Nash came
to S May & Co ^{1st Augt} 5th Oct
1829. Aged. 5 April
¹⁸³⁰ Apr 24 p d b mos to ~~the~~ 25.

Saml A. Hanks came to
 Salto 6th Octr 1829 Aged
 1st yr 50. - 4th - 125. -
 years. 2nd - 75. 5th - 150. -
 3rd - 100. - 7th - 200. -
 1830 Apr 24th paid bmo - 25. -
 " Octr 21 - " - 6 mos - 25. -
 1831. Apr 6 - " - 6 mos - 37.50.
 " Octr 7 - " - 6 mos - 37.50

Boston Decemr 22^d 1828.

My Dear Brother.

I received your kind letter of the 19th inst and was truly glad to hear that our good mother is in so good health & spirits— she has been a long while with our Sister Stratton and I have no doubt that both she and her Husband have done all in their power to make her situation pleasant and happy. — In your family she will experience a change of scene and assume a greater responsibility than she has done for years which I have no doubt will be beneficial to her. — I am sorry to hear that the loss of your good wife preys so heavily upon you — she was indeed a severe loss to you and one you ought not & must not expect to make up — but as a good Christian you ought not to give way to melancholy feelings — if you have in the course of the all wise providence of God, been deprived of one who has been a participator of your joys and a partaker of your sorrows, you ought rather than refine & give way to fruitless remorse, be thankful that you have been permitted to enjoy her society so long — and now ^{that} she has departed and gone to that eternal rest which is prepared for us all, you ought to feel that a double duty remains for you — while she lived you had a sharer in your responsibility, but now she is gone, the whole responsibility rests upon yourself, and it is incumbent on you to be to your children all that both parents should ^{have} been — let parents do their duty towards their children and eventually they will reap a rich reward, for they will be springing up around them to bless and to comfort them —

I really hope Louisa is going to have a good Husband - if I were you I should much prefer ~~seeing~~ her marry a steady, industrious mechanic, than even a man in trade or a professional ^{man}, with the same qualifications - the former if he is industrious may always get a good living by his trade, while the merchant or trader may get along very well for a few years & then get his concerns into a snarl from which he can never extricate himself -

she has my best wishes for her future prosperity - and I hope & trust that by assuming greater responsibilities, she may be enabled to fulfil all her duties to her own satisfaction and to the approbation of her friends -

In regard to the ~~old~~ clerk ship in Oxford County - if I could do any thing to assist you in obtaining the office I would with pleasure, but I do not see any mode by which I can assist you - in these political times when every one is scrambling for the doaves & trinkets, 'tis difficult to say who are ones friends - I should think both the Bench & Bar would acknowledge your faithfulness & system while in office & see clearly the difference in the management ~~both~~ by your predecessor & follower - you may depend upon witnessing in your legislature a great deal of twaddling, and by men too whom you would hardly expect of doing any thing but what was perfectly fair & honourable - you will find after Genl Jackson has got through with his appointments - that the disappointed ones will turn tail too, and abuse him and his administration as much as they ever did Mr Adams's amongst us we find those who were on the fence ready to leap down to the side of the successful candidate are making friends with the man mon of unrighteousness -

In regard to the sale of your Farm I cannot advise you, you must be the best judge, of what is most for your interest - are there not some portions of it which you might sell to advantage, and not materially injure the portion that remains it strikes me you might - the Farm is now large and I should think a part might be sold to advantage & still you have sufficient left, as much as you can manage to advantage - I am so situated now that I cannot with any sort of convenience advance any thing more towards completing the payments to Mr Stevens - the Farm would be of as little use to me almost, as to much of the broad ocean -

You must manage the thing as you think will be most for your interest, you must only take care that I shall not be embarrassed by it - I have no wish to make a copper from the concern and of course I do not wish to lose any thing - I mean if I can to see our excellent mother this winter & now think I shall be able to make her a visit of a few days in February next, but you must not depend upon it - I received letters from Bradford about the 1st of the month, our friends then were all well - please to remember me to all who may feel interested - and believe me

Truly Yr friend

Thos Clark Esq

Alvin O Clark

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Thomas Clark Esqr
at the Secretary of State's Office
Portland
Me.

Dec. 22. 1820.

E. W. Clark

[July 1831]

Cartport to	
Lubeck ferry	3. —
Frescott	
Whiting	
East West Machias	
Jonesboro-	
Columbia	
Cherryfield to Stuben	60
Stuben to Belfast	63.
Belfast to Chimaquity	40.
& to Winslow	
Winslow to Augusta	21.
Augusta to Paris	45. —
Paris to Conway	43. —
Conway to Littleton thro. the	60. —
notch.	
Littleton to Haverhill	30. —
H. to Bradford Back	12. —
Haverhill to Concord	77.
Concord to Boston thro.	70.
Haverhill Map	524
	miles
Expenses	43. 20. about 13 days.
July 1831. —	

Boston Augt 24th 1832

My dear Brother.

As soon as I had come to a conclusion of the day when I should be married & the route we should take after marriage I intended to inform you — it is now our intention to be married on the morning of Thursday 6th Sept & to take the 12 o'clock stage for Sandburyport & spend the first night there — Friday to go on to Portland so as to take stage Saturday for Paris or Windsor we think the former, leaving the latter for a future opportunity — we shall not stay with you many days — but push on through the notch for Vermont. — it is leaving home at a very busy season of the year & I shall not content myself to stay away longer than is necessary. — If you should have a first rate tub of Butter you may reserve it for me, but don't put yourself out for we can always get it in Boston first rate with the hope & expectation of soon seeing you & yours

I am Yrs in affection

Alvin W. Clark

1831-1832

Wm. W. Clark

C. W. Clark
Aug 24. 1832

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the purchase of a lot of land in the town of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Wm. W. Clark

105
Henry Chapman to Calvin W. Clark

=Deed=

Received July 2^d. 1836.

^h ^m
at 5. 27 P.M.

paid

This Estate sold & convey'd
to John G. Torrey Sept^r 7th
& deed pass'd to him on
the 1st Decr 1858. —

price rec^d \$12,000. —
Cash. —

Know all Men by these Presents,

That *I Henry Chapman of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Merchant*

in consideration of *Ten thousand dollars*

paid by *Calvin Whiting Clark of said Boston Merchant*

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto

the said *Calvin Whiting Clark* a parcel or tract of Land with the Buildings thereon situate near Federal Street in said Boston being Lot no. twenty three laid down upon a plan of the same and adjacent lands drawn by James F. Baldwin and recorded with Suffolk deeds at the end of Book no. 298 & bounded and described as follows, to wit - Southwly on a new Court now called Milton Place, described on same plan, there measuring twenty three feet and one inch, Westwly on Lot no. twenty two conveyed the second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Seven by Henry Chapman to Mary Greene and Hannah Greene, through the center of the partition wall seventy three feet and eleven inches, until it strikes the land of persons unknown at the distance of Seventeen feet from Federal Court, thence Northwly on the land of said persons unknown twenty three feet until it strikes Lot no. twenty four now owned by John Davis Esquire thence Easterly on Lot no. twenty four through the center of the partition wall - Seventy two feet and five inches until it strikes new Court aforesaid - the above being one of two lots which were conveyed by Timothy Williams & Lewis Tappan to H. Chapman by deed dated March 29. 1825 & recorded with Suffolk deeds Lib. 300 fol. 230 with the right & privilege of using the said Federal Court new Court & passage-way leading to Federal Court & a four feet passage way across the rear of Lot 22 on said plan in common with the other abutters thereon for all usual purposes of ingress and egress and all other privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, upon condition however, that no building shall be erected on said lands nearer to said new Court, than upon a line beginning at the Western boundary of lot numbered twenty two at the distance of six feet from said new Court and extending in a straight line to the Eastern boundary of lot no. twenty three at the distance of about three feet from said Court conformably to the dotted lines upon said plan - and saving & preserving to the proprietor of lot 24 on said plan his heirs and assigns the right of passage-way over and upon the Northern extremity of said lands of four feet in width leading from Federal Court aforesaid to said lot no. twenty four -

To Have and to Hold the above granted premises, to the said *Calvin Whiting Clark*

his heirs and assigns, to *his* and their use and behoof forever.

And *I* the said *Henry Chapman*

for myself and *my* heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said *Calvin Whiting Clark* and *with his* heirs and assigns, that *I* lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premises; that they are free from all incumbrances,

that *I* have good right to sell and convey the same to the said *Calvin Whiting Clark* *his* heirs and assigns forever as aforesaid; and that *I* will and *my* heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said *Calvin Whiting Clark* *his* heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness whereof, *I* the said *Henry Chapman and Sarah my wife*
in token of her relinquishment of all right of Dower in the
premises
have hereunto set our hands and seals this *fifteenth* day of *June* in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty *Eight*.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in presence of

Henry Gray Chapman

Amie Perry Greene

Henry Chapman

Sarah Chapman

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Suffolk ss. *Bolton June 17 1836.* Then personally
appeared the above named *Henry Chapman*

and acknowledged the above instrument to be = his = free act
and deed; before me,

Henry Clark

Notary Public

*Boston July 2, 1836. Received
and Entered with Suffolk Deeds
Lib 407 fol 105.*

J. H. May & Co. Reg

[June 15, 1836]

Pennine July 16 1858

Wm Clark Esq

Dear Sir

Mrs Curly wishes me to say in regard to the five hundred dollars she lent you for the use and benefit of her Sister Catherine for which you gave your Receipt that it was money earned by hard days work, and that it was sent against the Express bill and risk of Catherine, and that before her death Catherine gave the Receipt back to Mrs Curly, who took the same and placed it in her trunk with other papers for safe keeping, and that immediately after Catharines death Mrs Finney went to Mrs C Trunk without her knowledge or consent & feloniously took the Receipt money & Gold Specimens to some considerable value. In fact stripped her of all she had in the world, but at that time owing to her weak affections & other considerations did not wish to make the matter public.

Now what Mrs C wants is simply this if the Receipt is presented for you to retain the money and if it is necessary Mrs C will make an Affidavit

Seting forth ^{the} facts & furnishing such other
evidence as may be necessary to
establish the guilt of ^{him} in having
stolen the Receipt

C. W. Clark Esq.

Boston Mass

Respectfully Yours

A. McConovan

Ans^d 30th Decr '58 Sent
memo of the papers requisite
to obtain the money.

A. H. Donovan's letter
July 16th '58.

Manilla Nov 28 1838

Brig Nabob

My Dear Uncle & Aunt

According to promise
in Macao my last letter I will now inform
You that we arrived at this Port on the 25 inst
after a very quick passage of 5 days from
Macao. I am all in good health & hope you are
the same. Manilla is a beautiful place
the prettiest place I have seen yet. fire works
every night & other curious things to see
beautiful roads & houses & for a $\frac{1}{2}$ a dollar you
can ride all day in a fine carriage all over
the country. We are discharging our ballast
now & are going to take in sugar & hemp & get
away about the 1st of January. & you may look
for us in the middle of April. There are no
American ships here & I shall send this by the
way of Hong Kong. The mermaid sailed for
Boston 4 days before we arrived. The Francis
Stanton arrived here from Boston on the
5 of Nov & sailed yesterday for Canton
I have not received no letters from home
this voyage. Also that the Barque Gov Endicott

has arrived at Salem I hope you have received
My letter I hope you are all in good health
I hope I shall find you so when I arrive
I hope I shall be able to make myself useful to you
in some way or other during my stay at home
for I often think of what happy times I used to have
the 3 years I was with you. & of what you have done
for me & I hope you may live to see that you have
not done it for nothing My clothes which you gave
me a present of have held out pretty well considering
ing who made them for ship clothes are artful
if I go to sea till am grey I will never buy any
more & for I can for the same money I buy the stuff
& get them made by some fair damsel or other
& they will last 3 times as long Give my love to
all the folks abt to Mass.

Give my best respects to all the pretty girls for its
15 months since I have seen a handsome face

This is all I have got to say till I come my self
so good By please to excuse mistakes
Give my best respects to Mr. Rogers & Wife I excuse
me for omitting them in my last letter & the Law

I hope I remain your
affectionately nephew

Brig Vesta at anchor in Hamillaf

Geo. O. Farnum

Capt. William W. Rogers,

(Dorchester,
Mass
USA)

[August, 1839]

1815

Memo: in August 1839. John Davis Esqr, Calvin
W. Clark and Henry Wainwright: mutually agreed
with John G Torrey, and have put an 8 inch brick
wall on the northerly boundary of the Milton place
lots— by which the width of the passage is reduced
four inches— so that the passage way, between the
walls, is now 3 feet 8— and one half the thickness of
said wall being 4 inches—

passage way	3 ft 8
half the thickness	{ 4
of division wall	{ 4 feet.

[April 15, 1844]

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this fifteenth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four, by and between Isaac Parker and Calvin W. Clark, both of the City of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the first part, and Thomas L. Rayner of the same Boston, of the second part, as follows:

Whereas the said parties of the first part, have agreed to sell to the party of the second part, a certain piece of land situated near Warren Street in Boston aforesaid, and containing Seven thousand eight hundred and twenty two square feet of land, at the rate of One dollar per square foot, and have bound themselves in a bond of even date herewith (wherein the said piece of land is more fully described) to convey the same by a good and sufficient deed, to the said party of the second part, or to his assigns, as soon as they the said parties of the first part, shall have been paid the sum of Seven thousand eight hundred and twenty two dollars, and such further sum, not exceeding twelve thousand Dollars, as shall have been advanced and lent by the parties of the first part, to the party of the second part, or to his assigns, in the manner hereinafter described, together with the lawful interest thereon:

It is therefore mutually agreed by and between the said parties, as follows, - the parties of the first part agree to advance and lend to the party of the second part or his assigns, the sum of Four thousand Dollars as soon as the second floors of the ten houses to be built by the party of the second part or his assigns, have been boarded - the sum of Four thousand dollars when the roofs of the houses shall have been slated - and the sum of Four thousand Dollars when the houses are entirely completed, and ready for occupation. The intention of the said parties is, that the aforesaid sum of twelve thousand Dollars shall be paid proportionably, as one or more of the said houses shall from time to time, become entitled to the same - the whole amount to be advanced on each house being twelve hundred Dollars.

The party of the second part hereby binds himself his heirs and assigns, to pay the first mentioned sum of Seven thousand eight hundred and twenty two dollars, and also to repay the sum or sums advanced and lent, as aforesaid, to the parties of the first part, their heirs or assigns, with Interest thereon, within one year from the date hereof; or else to secure the payment thereof by a mortgage or mortgages of the aforesaid premises, for such term or terms of time as may be mutually agreed on between the parties aforesaid, and for a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars on each house, with lawful interest payable semi-annually. And the said party of the second part further binds himself to build ten brick dwelling houses on the before described piece of land, five of them on one side of a Court or

passage-way fifteen feet wide, and five on the other side - with fronts built of pressed bricks - two and an half stories high - the roofs to be slated - and the gutters to be made of copper. He agrees to pave the court or passage-way between the houses, with wood or brick - to provide a sufficient number of wells, to furnish all the houses with water - and to pay all the taxes which may be hereafter assessed on the premises before described, while the title remains in the parties of the first part.

In witness whereof the aforesaid parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first herein written.

Attest

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~
~~Calvin W. Clark~~

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

~~Calvin W. Clark~~

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

Boston 15 November 1844. I hereby promise to pay to Mr Thomas L Rayner, the sum of Three Thousand two hundred Dollars successively, as the ten dwelling houses within contracted to be built, shall be severally completed, with interest from this date.

\$3200

~~Calvin W. Clark~~

Nov 26th 44 Recd Twelve hundred Dollars on the above

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

1845 March 11 Recd Seventy hundred Dollars on the above

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

Boston June 10. 1844. Received of Isaac Parker & Calvin W Clark twenty four hundred Dollars, being the first payment on six houses, per agreement

\$2400

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

Boston July 8. 1844. Received of Isaac Parker & Calvin W Clark twenty four hundred Dollars, being the second payment on six houses, as per annexed agreement

\$2400

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

Boston Septem. 7. 1844. Received of Isaac Parker & Calvin W Clark twelve hundred Dollars, being the first payment on three houses, per agreement

\$1200

~~Thomas L. Rayner~~

Meigs Parker & Clark
Contract with
Rayner -

Boston April 23rd 1844. For Value received, I promise
to pay Mr. Calvin W. Clark. or order, Two
Thousand Dollars. on demand with Interest.

\$2000.

N. A. Banett


Oct^r 31st / 44 Rec^d Sixty dollars

interest

\$60 -

June 12th '45 rec^d Nine
hundred & seventy six ^{88/100}
dollars. —

\$976.88

Paris July 21. 1844
Friend Clark -

Dear Sir. I write you this line at the request of your Bro. Thomas. In consequence of loss of sleep and mental anxiety he says he scarcely feels able to write a letter; and solicits me to do it for him.

Mrs. Clark is very sick, but as Mr. Clark has given you an account of her first attack I will merely state to you her present condition. At the time he wrote you the distressing pains in the head had abated and I supposed that she would soon recover. But we were all destined to be disappointed.

Last Tuesday a new condition of her system arose. She was attacked with Paralysis. It affected the right side at first slightly; but very soon left that and confined itself entirely to the left side. All the muscles of Voluntary motion on the left side are now in a state of Palsy. The left arm and leg are motionless. The muscles on the left side of the face and neck are similarly affected - constituting what is called a

case of Hemiplegia. At times she is in great distress, and suffers especially from intense pain in the region of the Diaphragm.

Her System in general has suffered much in consequence of this last attack. She is not very feverish though she has intense thirst.

Of the prospect of Recovery I can say but little. That she is in a critical situation is certain. I cannot say that she will recover soon; or even that she will ever recover. The prospect looks dark. Judging from the effects of the treatment adopted thus far I should be inclined to the opinion that she might never get well. Stimulating Liniments blisters and Rubefacients of all kinds have been used externally to no purpose. Diffusible Stimuli and tonics have been equally unsuccessful thus far internally. I cannot ^{say} that she is improving in the least. To-day she had a very sick time and I was called specially to see her three or four hours after my regular morning visit. This evening she appears a little more comfortable. She can say but little. Her memory is almost entirely left her. The brain evidently suffers to a great ex-

tent as well as the superior portion of the Spinal Marrow.

Mr. Clark has told me that he expected a visit from yourself and family on the 1st of Aug. Perhaps the sickness of Mrs. Clark may determine you to alter the appointment. About this however, your bro. has given me no directions. He merely wished me to give a brief outline of Mrs. C's present and prospective situation. This I have done.

I can only say in addition that I should be happy to see yourself and family.

Respectfully Yours

J. H. Brown

Mr. C. W. Clark.

Paris Mo
July 31

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Mr. Calvin W. Clark
Merchant
(Boston)
(Mass.)

Paris, July 25th. 1844.

My dear Calvin,

I have set down to commence a letter to you without knowing when it will be finished - And would refer you to my letter of the 14th - Whitmans letter a few days later - and Doct. Brown's letter dated last Sunday - for a more particular situation of my poor sick wife - I have lived for the last fifteen days under intense excitement - & more particularly for the last ten days - but, thank God, she is yet spared to me, tho' in a totally helpless state - particularly of the left side - She has not for the last eight days, been taken from the bed without my assistance. You may well suppose that I am prostrated in health & strength - but not so - I have had help from that Being in whom is all my trust & my hope for this world & the future - And I have prayed that she might yet be spared to me, even if she should be a cripple for life - A more complete case of paralytic, I have never known - Her sister Sabra & myself have had the whole care of her - with two watchers, every night, for the last nine days - The neighbours have been very kind to me - You will perceive our total inability to have you dear family, at present, at any rate - how fast she may recover, if at all, is impossible, at present, to say - but I apprehend it must be very slow - and that she will have every thing to learn over again - The symptoms ^{are} more favorable to day - but she is very liable to a relapse - my letter will lay open until tomorrow - as I am frequently called to a sick chamber - I am seldom absent from it - -

My letter, thus far, has been written under frequent interruptions, I hardly set down, before Sabra says, "Mr Clark," "Mr Clark," & I am constantly on guard or under guard - Well, I am always ready & willing, but it is a real tug, to take her up, by main strength. I have now got used to it & can do it better than any body else - 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. - Dear wife has had a very worisome afternoon - but is now more quiet - she is very nervous in the latter part of the day - July 26th, morning - Mrs Clark had quite a comfortable night - Mr Carter thinks quite a change is taking place, for better or worse - & we hope for the best - thinks she has more disposition to help herself - but her left limbs are a perfectly dead weight - shall keep my letter open until after the mail arrives - I am well aware of the disappointment it will be to the dear children not to come to Paris, next week - and how truly did your wife predict that they might be disappointed - 2 o'clock P.M. We have a fine cool rain - and a fire in the chamber & Mrs C. remains, as yet, quite comfortable, but is never so well in the afternoon & evening - your pencilings were duly rec'd - Hope you will write on the receipt of this - we have said nothing further to our friend Waterhouse. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P.M. The mail has arrived & no letters from you - I will therefore close by saying, that Mrs Clark remains pretty comfortable - but rather fatigued as usual - we hope to hear from you by the next mail - Pray for us - God Bless you -

Your affectionate brother in
affliction,

Thomas Clark

Paid
July 31

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Mr Calvin W. Clark,

Merchant,

Boston.

1 written under page will not be

[Aug. 1, 1844]

PORTSMOUTH STEAM FACTORY.

N^o 166

50 Shares



BE IT KNOWN that Calvin W. Clark of Boston
is proprietor of Fifty Shares in the Capital Stock of the
Portsmouth Steam Factory, subject to the provisions of the Charter
and the By-Laws of the Corporation, said Shares being transferable by a
conveyance in writing recorded in the books of the Corporation, and the
surrender of this Certificate.

(Dated) at Boston this First day of August 1844

Lebanon Worcester President

W. Hainsworth Treasurer

Portsmouth Steam Ry
\$5000.- 50 shares

FOR VALUE RECEIVED,

hereby Transfer to

of

Shares

of the Capital Stock of the PORTSMOUTH STEAM FACTORY, subject to the provisions of the
Charter and the By-Laws of the Corporation.

Dated at

this

day of

A. D. 18

and
10- July

Lewistown. Jan^y 25th 1843.

My dear brother & sister,

Were it not for taking time and paper to make excuses for my delaying thus long to write to those whom, of all others I am the most obligated, I could give you many satisfactory reasons. but the most prominent one I know will suffice. which is a nervousness occasioned by sorrow & grief when I have attempted to communicate my feelings to others that I was nearly suffocated in the effort - and I knew if I did not use every precaution, I should sink under my sufferings - the ^{most} appropriate language I can use, is that of the afflicted Job - Have pity upon me, have pity upon me O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. Never could there be a greater disappointment to a mother, desires and expectations than has been wrought by Silas sudden exit - nothing can seem more dark and mysterious. and my murmuring heart is oft inclined to ask, why was it so? God forbid that I a worm of the dust should complain, or doubt the wisdom of the Almighty. No, I will not, I cannot doubt, he knows what is best, & will make all things work for good to those that put their trust in him, and I would adore him for his goodness in giving me a confiding spirit, and a hearty desire, tho he slay me to trust in him. I have likewise the greatest reason for gratitude in the midst of affliction, that he possessed his reason to the last; was sensible that he must die, and expressed a willingness, feeling it was the will of God, bade us an affectionate farewell and died without a struggle. the night before he died, was one, it seems to me time cannot efface. he was restless, but complained of no pain, desired me to pray with him. and when he dozed, his mind was continually on me, taking care of me as on our journey, asking if I had my little trunk, which he always see to, everytime we stoped and brought to me to set my feet on, in Cars Steamboats &c. - or if I was ready, the carriage was waiting, so that I saw that he had been anxious about me all the way. and after he was sick expressed great anxiety for my welfare and a fear that I might not be able to nurse him I lay beside him the night I refer to, when he did not

needed me to be doing for him, because I thought he felt more
quiet when he thought I was resting, until I gave him medicine
at two, when he seemed so restless I sat by him rubbing his hands
all of a sudden his nose started to bleed and I thought he
would soon be relieved by it as he was subject to it, but it bled
so profusely I became alarmed and sent the girl who watched
with me to call Thomas and we tried every thing we could
think of and finally had to send three miles for the doctor
at which time he was completely exhausted, and seemed gradu-
ally to sink away until about eight o'clock in the evening when
he bid us a final farewell, and drooped quietly to rest.

He spoke often of the kindness of friends and his delight-
ful visit at Boston and often lamented his being detained in
the car with me (his father having requested him to do so while
he saw to the baggage) and was thereby prevented from taking
a farewell of those dear little cousins who accompanied us
and would have written to them after he got settled here
and apologised, however I presume they did not think so
much about it as he did - and he has now bid them a long
a last adieu - and I hope that when they will have done with
all things here and bid a final farewell to scenes of earth, they
will meet and recognise each other in Heaven - I met very
unexpectedly with William and his wife at Mobile, he
is doing business for a wholesale Co there at 75 dollars a
month, we spent one day there and shall not see them
again till May when they will return to this place -
William was very unfortunate in his commencement here first in
losing his wages due from George Clark's estate and a purchase
immediately after with a man who was supposed to be worth
property and was to find the means while William did the
business, but failing drew William into difficulty which has
kept him a long time digging through, but he is unembarrassed
now, and a man esteemed and confided in as much as any person
in the country - and has an interesting and respectable lady
for a wife, and by the blessing of providence we shall spend
some happy days ^{with} them I hope when this cloud shall have gone
by a little - Charles spent a few days with us the first
time his boat came up after we arrived, which was not
till after Silas was buried - he was in very poor health
owing to a misfortune they met with the first trip he
made season - he was very cautious about going until

they had frost - as it is then considered perfectly safe in re-
gard to climate - but the water was very low and the boat struck
a snag and stove a large hole in which obliged them to work
in the water till they were all chilled through - since which
Charles has had a very bad cough, and his limbs swell from
his rheumatic trouble which ^{disease} troubles him when he takes
cold - he is much better I learn, and I hope will be able
to run through the season - as he has an hundred dollars
a month for his services - besides the profit of 600 dollars
value in the boat, and if he could hold out without
injuring too much he will be able to do something more
pleasant if not more profitable - And now being more in-
timately connected with Clark, as I am calculating to make it
home with him at present, I will endeavour to be more
explicit - in the first place he is one of your high spirited
thorough going business men that is at his post early and
late and unwearied in his efforts to live, and wants to get
into the Yankee notion of living - I know none of our Ne-
farmers who are more active than he is, and I have
known a morning when he was in health that
been in bed after day light - and he is as kind and
tender to all our wants as a child can be - and I think
by helping them to manage in household affairs I may
save him enough to feel that we are no burden at least
his wife knows very little about managing domestic affairs
and is pleased with an opportunity to learn a little - she is
a very fine woman and well educated except that, &
the southern ladies all suffer from the same lack and
seem sensible of it - many of them - he has a fine planta-
tion and has made a fine crop of cotton but owing to the very
low price of that article, intends to keep back what he has, till
he can do better as it is, an outright loss - he sent down early
in the season enough to purchase necessaries for his family
at Mobile which brought only 5 ¹/₂ cents and since, it has
fallen to 4 which cramps him very much as he had not pro-
vided entirely for his place - and in addition to which he has since
we came here purchased a situation on an elevated spot
near the village, which is considered more healthy than at
the plantation and a comfortable house of good size which
he thought better than to build and his house was very small -
he has a great property in his possession and does not owe
so much, but he would have come out square if he could

have got a fair price for his crops - he raised but little corn this season but has sold two hundred bushels - he intends if the season is good to have a quantity of corn and lep cotton as it is more sure, as it will turn to good account here - his help is mostly hired except some negro's who have fallen into his hands - the property of his wife, or those he purchased being property of some of the family that wished to be kept together -

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Mr Calvin W. Clark,

Boston,

Mass.



And now with regard to what is due you I am going to ask you if you are willing in addition to all your former kindness to let it remain till he can make a turn to better advantage or get off his crops another fall, when you shall be sure of your own principle and interest - but Clark's says he will not put you to any inconvenience or me to any trouble - say but the word and he will raise it here immediately - I have now half enough in gold by me but did not know but we might do something different ourselves when we got better acquainted - Shall therefore say nothing about it at present - I will not be long before I write again - Yours &c

Lois Hartwell -

Lounsbury Oct 3rd 1845.

and 13th Oct

My dear brother,

I feel as if I could not wait another moment, without one more effort to get a line from some of you in return to ours - I know not what to write, can it be possible that both letters miscarried and you are yet uninformed of the melancholy event that so cruelly deprived us of our beloved son Charles? He was on board the Steamer Maquette, (which exploded just as she was starting from New Orleans on his way to Louisville - He has spent a good part of his time with us since the last of April, at which time he came fully determined on account of ill health to settle up all his concerns, dispose of his interest in the Boat Bows, collect what was due him, and go north and spend the summer, and possibly arrange to^{go} into some kind of business there - thinking he would never enjoy his health perfectly here - but while resting from his labour, which was far too much for his strength, and having proper care taken in diet, nursing, medicine &c he seemed perfectly well, remarkably cheerful & happy and concluded to accept of the offer of some business here, & had to human view as fair a prospect before him of success as any man, and bid fair for future usefulness - No young man could be more beloved & respected than Charles, he was a general favorite with all who had any thing to do with him in the business

way - upright, honest and thorough going in every thing he undertook and enjoyed the full confidence and esteem of all who had his services - It was entirely owing to his perseverance and exposure, by working in the water last fall, to stop the holes in the boat which was spagge in consequence of imprudence in the Captain, by overloading when the water was low, that has caused him so much sickness since, he took a severe cold that seated on the lungs, and also a rheumatic affection, a pain and swelling of the limbs which was painful in the extreme - but he had recovered from all, and seemed when he left here on the 24th of June in perfect health - I do not exactly know what he had with him, but not far I think from 2,000 about 5 or 6 hundred in gold - which was most likely to be about him, together with a valuable trunk of clothing and many other valuable little articles - Nothing that could be done for the recovery of the body or baggage has been neglected, but all to no purpose - A Mr Greenwood a man Charles expected to meet at N.O. arrived at the spot at the time of the explosion, and knowing he was there, staid at the place a week, attending all the inquests & offered rewards to the river searchers, but without avail, and it must be bourn as excruciating as it is, for tis God who has done it, and I must be still - I thought Silas' death the most painful and afflictive dispensation I could have felt, but the blow was trifling compared with this, because there were mitigations which seemed to soften, sooth, and ward of the blow - and I have many precious relics that I love for his sake -

Thomas wrote you the first mail after we received the intelligence, which I think must be about the 10th of July and my letter I think must have been dated about the 2nd of August I mention this, thinking the letters never reached you, as I cannot feel that you would neglect to answer particularly when I was so sorely tried - I requested you to obtain a recipe from Dr Townsend for those pills I took at Boston the ingredients were Squills, opiac & morphia - & to send me a Boston paper now and then as I have never seen one since I left there - I did rest a little beyond the time to look for as pretty patiently, thinking that you were probably all out of the City, but have got so now I am almost frantic, and am thinking perhaps you, Ann or some of the children are numbered with the dead, Oh my dear brother and sister, I have suffered so much all the time cringing, and it is one of the greatest mysteries of providence that I still exist, after all I have passed through - true it is, as thy day, so shall thy strength be - My wish is to be remembered to all my dear friends about you - Dearly do I love them all, and should be glad to hear from them - We have had a very hot summer but not a sickly one, except some few cases of scarlet fever - the extreme drought has shortened their crops amazingly all through the Southern states, but this county seems highly favoured they have a prospect of competency if not destroyed by rains - When you write tell us all you know of our Maine friends, Boston &c Give my warmest love to all and believe me as ever your affectionate sister,
Lois Hartwell -

17th Oct
1845

Mr Calvin W Clark,

Boston,

Mass -

[Feb 17, 1846]

Thos Carr & Miller

To Mullins & Richardson Dr.

1844					
Decr. 21	To Goods & bill recd.	—	\$93.10		
1845					
Jan. 2	" do " " "	—	4.48		
" 21	" do " " "	—	18.98		
" 28	" do " " "	—	4.50		
Feb. 10	" do " " "	—	60		
" 25	" do " " "	—	33.28		
March 5	" do " " "	—	61.00		
" 13	" do " " "	—	5.04		
" 22	" do " " "	—	25.20		
" 29	" do " " "	—	8.15		
April 7	" do " " "	—	11.25		
" 11	" do " " "	—	7.61		
" 15	" do " " "	—	35.03		
" 16	" do " " "	—	19.31		
" 22	" do " " "	—	5.12		
" 30	" do " " "	—	1.48		
	To Cr. Balance Interest		334.03		
			4.35		
1845					
Mar 13	By mdr returned	23.72	\$338.38		
July	" Ban & piecy Drm ^t taken from	108.66			
	cr. as cash shop				
1846					
Feb. 17	" Guarantee of C.W. Clark	200.00	332.38		
	Bal. Feb 17. 1846		6.00		

Calvin W. Clark Esq^r
R. L.

We prefix statement of ye vs Carr & Miller
and ~~for~~ on which we credited them for the guarantee we hold
of you for \$200 -

Will you be good enough to call at the store
and settle the guarantee - as we would like to close the ye on
our books & you will much oblige

Yours resp^{ly}

Mellinger & Richardson

Boston Feb^y 16. 1846

Memo of Sum	July 1845		
Bars & Pieces	1208 ⁴	3 ³ / ₄	39 26
2 Bund 1/2 Round	224	3 ³ / ₄	8.40
Short piece & old Sum	1550	2	31.00
Scale			30.00
			<u>108.66</u>

Calvin W. Clark Esq
Boston

paid

1846

Bolton, June 23^d, 1846.

Dear Annie,

If you have requested me to write to you on the subject of my employments, I tell you that my chief occupation is walking about the village, I chop wood, play with the boys, and ride. Just now a caravan of Canadi-ans stopped here, the boy came in, and begged a few raw potatoes for his mother's dinner. I then asked if he might have a hand-ful of cherries. I got up into the tree, and the cherries that he ate would make a large handful. This is a picture of one of the caravan carts, don't you think it is handsome.

The other one was one of those old-fashioned wagons which farmers



use; on thorough-braces. It was stuffed full of clean flax. I find a better named rabbit. There is a Tobacco plantation belonging to Genl Holman up here.

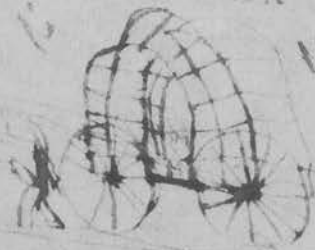
Tell Lizzie I thank her very much for her letter, I think it must have been a great effort for her to write so much.

J. W. Clark.
Turnover

Dear Mother

your letter has been answered in
regard to my employment, in my letter
to Annie. The cherries are almost ripe.

Thomas Blair



Baltimore 10th Decemb. 1846.

J. William Esq.

My dear Sir,

I would not
trouble you with the accompanying paper,
but that dear Sister Martha is too unwell
& attend to business.

You will perceive that the Dear
Mr. Clark is at length returned from
Virginia. It now only remains for
Sister Martha to complete it, which
I presume may be done by her, even in
her chamber.

As to the Money, it will be
agreeable to all the parties, I believe,
that the whole should be sent to me.

^{Martha}
Sister, has made a disposition of her rev.
\$500 is directed by her order; & the
\$2000 understood her to be lent on bond.

The disposition of 'banking' is also
arranged. He has in his possession Bond
and security for the whole. J. H. W. & V. W. & W. & W.
they is he is ~~will~~ come into my hands. My
Sister Susan has given to me no di-
rection concerning her. But it may be
safely transmitted thro me.

Mr. Clarke is granted for the
expenses, which are as moderate as
they could be made. Please to re-
ceive them from him; and include
them in the remittance to me,

which remittance please to make in
Bank checks or drafts. If not attain-
able in Baltimore, - or New York will
answer -

My many thanks for the trouble
you have had, and the advice and
counsel you have afforded us, in this
matter. I am, & by truly your friends
and cousin.

Wm. W. Williams

PS I should Mr. Clarke
make an objection of the
payment of the Bill of Exchange,
do not allow it to interfere
with the Sale. - It is usual
and proper for the purchaser to pay
all the expenses. - That is, the
\$50 the Magistrate & witness - &c.
And the expense of a new
and was ~~standards~~ absolutely
necessary in order to perfect the Bill.

I concur in the above as to sending
our money to Nathl. Williams
Geo. H. Williams for
Self & Virginia Williams

6 W 6 clock Saturday noon
Blackfield May 11/47

M. C. W. Clark
Dear Sir

This morning
I gave Nelly to the ^{can} Mr. Sawyer
for Concord, with all necessary direc-
tions for R.R. from there to you.
Mr. S. told me it is bad wheel-
ing, and his progress to Concord
would be somewhat retarded &
it is uncertain whether he would
arrive in C- in season to put her
into the Carr of the Freight train at
5 o'clock on Wednesday or not.
If not, he should, in all probability,
on Thursday next week at 5 o'clock.
This train will not arrive in B- till
late at night and will be open for
her delivery early in the morning following.
Her fare is paid to Concord, trust she
will reach you with safety. She left
us in high glee-giving her usual
nod, as a response to every "good bye
Nelly". The children all assembled
to take their leave of her with tears
in their eyes. Some even followed
her down-down-as far as they could

several of citizens assembled around her as she was about leaving and expressed an opinion that she looks as well as when she arrived last fall. Hope her condition will meet your approbation. I have had an eye to her welfare during the winter & think she has been used very kindly in all respects. She has not been used hard at all. The harness were a little hair off from her sides, which, I think will come out again by applying a little oil or grease.

Wife says tell you I have had the pleasure of meeting after her some of like her ladyship very much, and should be happy to see her ^{the} friends in the country any time. Silge is some better than when I wrote you last week - She has been severely afflicted as she was when at your house. She is quite weak but evidently gradually gaining.

G. D. Hapworth has disposed of everything at Concord N.H. & has come back to Wells River in his "old place". A rolling stone gathers no moss" & every true saying, as he can't pay me for a

gold watch which he bought of me last summer & tramped off for a horse &c.

Mr. Butler & wife have moved into their own new home and are enjoying themselves first rate. He has purchased quite neat situation & is doing well. His personal farming last winter was about \$100.00 and that of his mechanical business about \$20.00 per month. Eaton is obtaining a good living & looking up something. He intends to visit you in June.

Mrs. Merrill is about as usual, walking about town almost daily. Aunt Eliza appears to enjoy much finer health than she used to. She is very active.

The health of my own family at present is quite good except that of my wife, which I trust will be firmer ere long - we all wish to be remembered to each of you family with much love to all - Let us hear of your prosperity and the result of Abby's journey and much oblige them interests -
Yours very respectfully
J. H. Hapworth

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Mr. Calvin W. Clark
Boston
Mass.



Boston Sept 9th 1847

Dear Brother

Your favor of reach'd me in
course, & I should be happy to comply with
your request to loan you fifty dollars, but
I am not able to do so just now, nor
shall I have any until about the
middle of Nov — my family are still
at Cohasset, but shall return as soon as
the weather will permit, I am repairing
a House & 'tis very inconvenient to be
away from Boston so much —
we are all in fine health & desire to
be remembered to all —

Very truly
Yr bro in affⁿ tho in
great haste

C. W. Clark

Thomas Clark Esq
Paris

Maine



Boston Decr 10th 1847.

My dear brother

Yours of the 30th Nov reach'd me in course & I was glad to hear from you, I wrote you a long letter some six weeks ago but finally concluded not to send the letter as it would be but poor consolation to you. — In the death of your most excellent wife you have met with the loss of a companion to you that can never be replaced, your recollections of her character must be I should think a great comfort to you, the lost to sight her memory must be dear to you, & I trust you will hereafter meet in a happier world than the present. —

Her memory will for ever be dear to wife, self & children, the latter, particularly Ned, recollect her kindness & attention to them well —

If I was in your place I should not think of leaving Paris the coming winter, as for going to the city of Washington for employment, it would be the height of folly & I think with Dr Kittredge that the climate there would be very injurious to you to say nothing of the expence; you must remember that you are not so young & active as you were twenty or thirty years ago — if you can find some little employment with you to divert your mind at home it is the best thing you can do. —

I bought an old house in Kingston St, back of Mr Youngs Church, last July, I have been building an addition to it, & making other alterations, I have not yet got it done, but hope to have it completed in the course of a few weeks, we expect to have got into it by or before the 1st Nov & have in consequence been living any how since we returned from Cohasset, our carpets have not been nailed down & our old house is sadly out of order for we do not want to do any more than we can possibly help, expecting to remove so soon — we ^{want} to fit all the old carpets we can to the ~~old~~ ^{new} house, which will be a heavy job & take a great deal of time — we are all sorry to quit Milton place where we have lived so pleasantly for nearly 12 years, but it is unavoidable unless we make up our minds to live behind a range of stones, & be surrounded by Paddy's, & annoyed by a stable —

In regard to a dentist, I believe you can have all you want done in Portland, at one half the price, & equally well as it can be in Boston. — the dentists here charge an enormous price, William needed a few teeth filled a few weeks since & I paid Dr Tucker \$17 — for a few hours work, you see advertising & all that, but they are by persons that you can place little or no confidence in — you doubtless can have a set of teeth put in at prices from ten to two hundred dollars.

I shall be most sadly annoy'd if Judge Crocker does not take up his acceptance, our banks are not able to discount, & money is worth from 1 to 2 percent a month in the street, many of our heaviest houses have been obliged to get shov'd in order to keep along, hope that this state of things will not long continue — this outrageous Mexican war plays the devil with the monetary affairs of the country, most generally large amts of money are borrowed from Europe, but just now they are ten times worse off than we are in the US — One hundred millions of dollars will be wanted by the Government, three or four millions by the City of Boston for their water — to say nothing of the money wanted to build up the new cities of Lawrence, at Hadley falls, at Middleford & other places, beside completing all the Rail Roads &c &c now in progress — if the first acceptance is paid I will do what I can for Whitman —

Wife & children all well & desire to be kindly remembered —

Truly Yrs in affection

Calvin W. Clark.

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Thomas Clark Esq

Paris

Maine

paid.



January 1st 1848

Dear Willie [To Thomas W. Clarke]

Notwithstanding all you have said I could not but think that you would at this season be pleased with a remembrance from your Mother.

It is now Willie the commencement of a new year. Let us forget what is past & make new resolutions for the future. You have had as you well know some faults, let them now pass away like a tale that is told. Ask your Heavenly Father who is ever kind & forgiving, to help you to make & to keep new & good resolutions for the future. & if you thus prayerfully & earnestly ask, I think you will be assisted in the right way, let the little keepsake you will receive with this, act as a "talisman" against all wrong doing; It is a Mother's gift proffered by the hand of

affection may it often remind
you of the many hours & days of un-
-ious care she has passed in your
service & for your sake, let it then
(for it is that Mother that asks &
God who requires it) strengthen
your determination to be perfectly
truthful not only in word but
in every act of life, & let your
temper be in subjection to your
reason, & not obtaining the mas-
-tery over all else; in short
let this little token of love be
the means of purifying your whole
character, so that not only in the
sight of man, but to the search-
-ing eye of your Heavenly Father
you may be truly pure in heart,
which will cause you to be just
& upright in all your dealings,
& likewise quiet & peaceable
in your temper - -

Kiss this dear Willie

I read it more than once
& let the happiness of your Mother's
new year, consist in seeing that
you profit by her counsel as
much as she desires - -

With the tenderest love
is offered also the wish not
only of a happy new year but a hap-
-py eternity - to you my son from
Your Affectionate

Mother
A. B. Clark

1848

Master Thomas William Park Mrs C-

Milton Place
Boston -

Thomas Clark Esq
Paris
Maine

Boston Feb 2^d 1848

My dear brother

I received yours of the 27th last in course, I am glad to learn thereby that your health is no worse than it has been, & I doubt not it will improve with the opening Spring —

I was in hopes that you had given up all idea of going to Washington, if you could ^{would} obtain any temporary employment there it probably ^{not} amount to more than sufficient to pay your board & other needful expences; if you should get there the chance is three to one that you would not be able to bear the drudgery of office, the duties of clerk, must be arduous indeed during the sitting of congress, — besides which I cannot see the object of the tour — your wants must be very small, & your means I should think are sufficient to meet them all, at Paris you are surrounded by your children & must feel more at home & be happier than you can be elsewhere. —

You say you do not know where the money is to come from to pay your expences, I can answer for myself that it is entirely out of my power

to loan you any, I am now indebted more than
is good for me, & my income has been very much
reduced by the course pursued by the administration
& I do not at present see any indication of a
better state of things, I make these remarks to
show you that I cannot loan you any thing.

We are still at no 3 Milton place & shall
probably remain there until spring as I do not
like to move in the winter, beside which my
other house is not yet ready.

I have been reading this evening Mr Webster's
masterly argument in the Supreme Court at
Washington upon the case of the Dorr rebellion in
R.I. it is fully worthy of the man.

If Whitman will send me Judge Crocheron's
acceptances, I will forward them to New York
for collection, but you will see by the enclosed
letter from to H.C. that it is doubtful whether
he pays them — We are all well at Milton
place & desire to be remembered.

Truly Yrs bro in aff

Calvin W. Clark.

Calvin W. Clark
New York
Dec 10 1846

1828
Mr E. W. Clark Staten Island Feb 11th

Dear Sir I recd a letter from
my Son William this day in which he
~~states~~ states that he shall be unable to send the
funds to meet your Draft due the 12th
and 15th he says his customers have not
sold any Cotton as yet but thinks sales
will commence this month and will send
the money as soon as possible I think the
Planter will loose considerable by holding
their Cotton as there seem to be no prospect
of its getting better you better send the
Draft to Mr Johnson and I will pay
it as soon as I recd the funds which I hope
will be shortly

Respectfully Yours &c

J. Crockeron

#686 66 "Copy" Haynesville May 12th 1847.
Few months after date please pay to the
order of E. W. Clark Six hundred & eighty six $\frac{67}{100}$
Dollars for value received and charge to acct
N Crocheron Esq }
New York } Your Obt^t St
Wm H Crocheron
Endorsed

pay to the order Martin W Phipps
E. W. Clark
Martin W Phipps

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E. W. Clark
Martin W Phipps

Wm H Crocheron lives at Haynesville Ala
Judge Nicholas Crocheron at Richmond Ct
States Island ny



Calvin W. Clark
Boston
Mass

cents 7
silver 3.67
iron 30.7
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Box - 135. -
197.80
Per 18.75
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Oct 16 '79

Boston May 8 1848

My dear Brother.

Yours of the 27th ultimo reach'd me in course,
& I delay'd answering you for a few days hoping that
Judge Brocheon would pay one of the drafts, but he
has not yet done so, & I presume he will not pay
any thing until he receives the money from his son.

The drafts were not regularly protested, I thought as
all the parties were held, it was useless to pay any
expenses — My own opinion is, that Whitman had
better write both Judge C, & his son, stating to them
the great inconvenience we are all at, in having
the money so long withheld from us, if we threaten,
or use any coercive measures, they will put us to
all the delay possible, & probably we shall not get
the money by such a course, except at the tail of
an execution, they possibly may be coaxed out
of it, a part at a time. — I will write both Judge

& William. — We shall be happy to see you
& James at No 1 Kingston St should you visit Boston.

We are all well, & are enjoying a very fine spring
day, about the first we have had. —

With regards to all

Very truly Yr bro in aff.

Calvin W. Clark.



Thomas Clark Esq
Paris.

Maine

Lehigh Aug 28th 1874

My dear brother

I have yours of the 22nd inst, & am not a little surprized at its contents, the step you are now about to take is perhaps one which may ~~perhaps~~ increase your comfort & also that of Mrs Andrews for the brief period of your probation here, and you have the best wishes of your Boston friends, ^{that} that will be the result. — you do not name the day when the happy event is to take place, if I knew the time I might make it convenient to drop in — you will see by the date of my letter that I am in country quarters, where we shall remain until we have eaten up all our provender, if our appetites are good we may do it in a few weeks — we are all in fine health & I do not wish to return to Boston until the

richly season is over — we came here the
latter part of July, & have enjoyed every moment
of the time, ^{since} the season has been a fine one
for Hay, & almost all the crops, but for the
last three or four weeks the weather has been
very dry & unless we soon have rain, Corn
potatoes &c will suffer. —

You do not say what Whitman obtain'd
for his Farm, hope I trust he got a good
price for it, & that he will get his pay. —

Should you see fit to visit Boston we
shall be happy to welcome you & our new
sister at no 1 Kingston St, & you will please
offer to her ^{our} kind regards & a hearty welcome
into our family —

With love & regards to all our Paris friends

Very truly
Yrs in affection
Calvin W. Clark

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Thomas Clark Esqr

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