Received the Ship brought from Brany mart
en capt. J. Matthews March 1st 1834

Richard Matthews
Bromley on March 9th 1833

Dear Sir,

Your instruments, safety, trunks &c. are shipped as you will perceive, on board of the King Norfolk, which sailed last evening, for Boston. I hope you will receive them in good order, as I requested the Captain to be particular to keep them dry. Captain Matthews has the key of the large chest.

Last Tuesday morning the Schooner Granada was taken into the dock. The tide was at twenty-two feet and the water was pumped out of the dock, with six lift and seven chain pumps, in seven and a half hours; Mr. Weaver thinks this the best performance of the engine.

The Schooner was taken out on Friday and yesterday morning we put the floating gate in its place, having first carefully compiled the mud from the arch and groove. The gate sunk to its place without difficulty, and the water was pumped down to fifteen feet and every thing appeared perfectly safe and the gate tight as a cup.

The gate behaved so well, that we got it into place without the assistance or advice of a single person from the yard.

The repairs of the schooner are going on, the same as when you left, and the same men are employed. The work is still called at the office, but it is now called by Mr. Routtwell from the yard.

Mr. LeGrand the Navy Agent has advertised for proposals for the delivering of stone, timber, tiles, bricks &c. for the Timber Dock, which I understand will be commenced this year. I have not heard who is to have direction of the work, whether it is to be built by your plan, or by no plan at all, perhaps by the latter, as every one in the yard has a plan of his own to suggest.

I shall be extremely happy to hear from you as soon as is most convenient.

With sentiments of the greatest regard & gratitude for your kindness to me, I remain

Very Respectfully,
Loammi Baldwin Esq.

Charlestown,
Mass.

[Signature]
Mr. [illegible]
March 14th
Col. Baldwin
Charlestown
Mass.

[Handwritten note: With great regard, &c., etc.]
fell into my hands for $20. I thought it would serve as an object for an excursion when I foresaw I would be idle in Nor folk—so here I am, working like the rest.

As for instance, I was engaged from Thurs day to Saturday last. I left the house at 7 A.M. with a feeling of mixture akin to that excited by the chase or pageant.

I am fortunate in being in good quarters. Nothing like tavern about it. Excellent fare will keep servants and room neat as possible. Nine hosts and hostesses are really gentlemanly so that on the whole I am very well off here. I brought a heap of newspapers, and at my leisure read them, leading speeches and poems; more than I have done in five years I believe.

I beg the favor of you to let me hear from you, addressed to Norfolk. Hope your letter will inform me that you have not suffered by your dancing excursion at the time of your disaster on the Delta ware.

Speaking of disasters, Mr. Maw's son Lee, who is in the County House of W. W. Scudder fell through the trap of Mr. Scudder's March 5th. Story to the bottom. He was not killed—wound fatal to tell. Happily he had struck his head in his descent on a weaving beam, which, though it cut his head, yielded to the fall. It happened three days before I left Dor slo and he seemed to be doing well—the Dr. Alden said it would require two or three days more to determine whether he had sustained any permanent injury. They agree to present my compliments and best wishes to Mrs. Baldwin. I hope the young ladies will return the same from me, though unknown to them.
To Edward Seabrook Baldwin,

Charlottesville, Virginia

May 24, 1834

[Signature]

Dear Mr. Baldwin,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I have been thinking much about your recent letter and the matters you discussed. Your thoughts on the political situation in our country are quite enlightening and have given me much to ponder.

I agree with your observations regarding the need for reforms. The current state of affairs is, indeed, concerning. Many of our fellow citizens are deeply troubled by the various issues at hand, and I believe we must take action to address these problems urgently.

Please do not hesitate to write again. I eagerly await your thoughts on the matters we have discussed.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Smith

[Signature]
We had just got the deck empty and the floating gate in place after taking out the 18 gun-fuze, when the brig's longspig opening leaked, it became necessary to deck her immediately.

She is now in dock and will probably be there two or three months. While pumping the water out, one of the chain pumps broke. The chain was down into the well with a tremendous clatter. After the water was out, we examined and found nothing broke except two gauzes and a meet, there were soon replaced and all is right again. The floating gate is in place and is as tight as yesterday. While the sun was shining on the bottom of the arch, the stones were as dry as the coping, except a little place under the small leak through the masonry.

The men are all mustered at the yard office by Mr. Pierce. Mr. Foster was ordered to attend the peg board, this he refused to do if there fore quit the work.

Mr. Pierce has been acting engineer in the yard, but his plans do not appear to terminate exactly as he expected. He has been building a coffer dam round the wharf, so that the masons may face them with stone.

After closing the dam and getting his pumps ready, the men were put at work to pump the water out. There were six lift pumps and one screw and about forty or fifty men. After pumping about three hours they found that the plugging water inside of the dam would stand level with that outside, so they quit work for that day. I have not yet heard what is to be done next.

My son has finished the book of plan and I shall send it by the next boat to Washington. It looks very well and I think will please you.

I remain
Very Respectfully Yours
Col. S. Baldwin
Charlestown, Mass.

Geo. Washington
At Nashville, May 2, 1876

April 3rd 1876

My dear Mr.

When I first heard

of the unfortunate accident it was so

horrible and unexpected, that I feared it

would turn out to be the only report but

since it has been corroborated by yourself

I have been too anxious to enable me to

write you. I am happy to hear that you

are able to write to me in your regular way.

Indeed I have kept in daily expectation to hear

from you which I shall continue in the hope

that I shall continue to hear from you.

May 2, 1876

Mrs. Baldwin

Col. ""
...with great love of your character, until you told her of your safety. Dear remember
us kindly to her. Shall have the paper
back in a day or two in the hope of
not being obliged to move for health.
This summer Mr. Warrenworth desiring me to
call on you with the regard that the wind
to the battery by the mail arrived in a you
boat that they might see you as they had
expected a desire to do. My best regards
to Colston & family.
Believe me to the
very Sincerely your

Brearlywright
May 2, 1884

Dear Sir,

I am informed that Benjamine Forham has left the surveying party to which he was attached, and declines to rejoin it. As his father left Benjamin somewhat to my care during his absence, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject. I should be happy to communicate with you by letter, or if you...
will have the goodness to inform
one of your place & time, personally.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Boston,
School etc.

May 3, 1834.
Latham May 14, 1834.

My Dear Sir,

The case, returned a verdict for the defendant, in the case of Cheever against the Turnpike Company. It was a righteous decision, which there can be no doubt, would be a prize for a corporation rather than an action of an individual against them.

I wish to get the costs taxed. I will thank you to send me by snail or carrier to indicate that you travelled from Charles town to Providence the 3rd day of May, Term 1834, as a witness for the defendant in the action of Joseph Cheever against the Latham Turnpike Bridge Company.

I felt much obliged by your assistance to my client and will be happy to compensate you...
for your valuable services. Be good enough to drop me a line to mention the amount of your charge or what will satisfy you, I will immediately re-
mit the money to you.

Yours very truly

[Signature]
Paragraph of our Agreement.

1. The commissioner may determine the proportion of water to which the said Corp is entitled, according to the meaning of the lease. One part of the lease shall be the manner in which the same shall be measured and measured.

2. To determine the present legal right of the party under the lease.

3. To determine whether there is a right to water and have at all times the free use of the same, whether it be at any point that there be a right for water, under the terms of the lease, or not.

4. To determine any of the deficiencies or upon the amount of the water, and any party is not, in the manner as specified in the said Council, or the other party, or none, or any deficiency or upon the amount of the water, or the party is not.

This is from the date of the lease up to that of the amount to be decided for the purposes. Upon any act of such deficiencies or upon the party is not, or any deficiency against the party is not.
further orders by said Commissions.

3. The award of the Commissions to be conclusive between the parties, including the Commission's award for the expenses performed by either party.

4. This reference shall not be affected in any way for the wants of either party at any time after the said Commissions to the parties. The reference to the Commission to the parties the award to Lyman, Lyman, and the combined as represented by them.

5. The Commissions shall determine what proportion of the expenses of the agreement will be borne by each party. The charges of reference to be paid equally by both parties to the reference to be paid in full by one party. If either Commissions refuse or become unable to proceed, the party by whom the Commission shall be made to make a new Commission to the agreement of the other parties, as above to be made within three days (in case the neglect to make such determination of a new Commission in the remaining days)
Dear Sir,

With pleasure, I acknowledge the receipt in due time of yours of the 27th April. I regret very much to learn that the Commissioners had not yet received the Book of Plans; they were completed in March, and as there was no boat running between this place and Washington, they were sent by way of Baltimore. I had a box made for the book and packed it up as carefully as possible, and directed it to be sent to you. Washington had the box put on board of the Baltimore boat on the 31st March. The box probably started at the company's dock in Baltimore, and I sent by the last of the boat to make inquiries about it.

I was truly gratified to hear that the Secretary of the Navy is fully satisfied, and convinced of the propriety of re-engaging you as Engineer of the different vessels. All your friends here participate with you in the grate
The pump box has been received from Major Livermore, Perkins & Co., but we have not yet heard anything of the lock, vane wheel, and something box.

All at the lock desire to be remembered to you.

And wish for nothing, so much, as to be again under your direction.

With the greatest regard,

E. Baldwin Esq.
Boston.

[Signature]

The pile of masts, which you must derive from this application, after being so much neglected and neglected by the department,

I shall proceed to answer the queries in your last. The high tide in April, was 2 feet above high tide. The dock and everything about it, stood the storm precisely as in duty bound to do. I have never discovered any thing like failure in any part of the work. Several attempts have been made to take the water out of the lock, but they have all proved fruitless. The old lockage has been condemned and cut to pieces and the lock is now in a pretty pickle. The floor is covered with the dirt which has collected in allaying the members of the congress, and the slinging and slavement are 80 lumberd up with knee braces and old timber that it is almost impossible to get round the lock with safety. The remains of the old Macedonia are to be taken into the dock in a few days, where they will be cut up.
Dear Colonel,

Your two letters have been duly received at
the Post Office; they have been some time unacknowledged
I am very much obliged to you for the gift which I recei-
ved the other day, for I must say that Madame
is highly delighted at its beauty; as a matter of fact, I am sorry you
had not succeeded as the Engineer for our several years,
and am sure the loss of the corps would have excited their
usual liberality, if they had been permitted. I have not very much
the use of the office, or in fact continue, although
I know by experience, the benefits to be derived from the navy from
it. We have as you may have seen a new bill or two in
the House of Representatives, for an increase in pay, a revision of the act
of Long, for our government of 1791, but if they read by resolutions
that rest on its discipline to stifle its moral character, it would be of more consequence. We have just
finished healing up the old 50 Congreg in the dock, and
are about to take the old Minnesota for a similar one
for the old Mill machine to copy it, as the crew
will reproduce it otherwise. All stand well about the dock,
and the wharves are nearly finished. We cannot get every
well and it is quite useful to me. My goal is to do all of it as
hastily now as when you first came here, many long
faces are to be seen. Be pleased to make my respects to
the Baldwins; believe me to your ever

respectful friend,

[Signature]

[Postmark: 14 June 1834]
The Sears were employed by the President of the United States to go to Europe and obtain arms and other supplies for the American Army.

The President has requested that the Sears be employed in this mission.

I believe that the mission is a necessary one and that the Sears will be successful in obtaining the arms and supplies needed for the Army.

The mission will require travel to Europe and the purchase of the necessary supplies.

I recommend that the President authorize the mission and provide the necessary funding.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
May 21st

Portsmouth June 15th 1834

Dear Sir,

Year of May 21st was received a few days after I had written my last. We are now almost at a standstill for work; there is nothing of any consequence doing in the yard, there are only about twenty carpenters at work.

The dock is once more cleaned out and in good order, and since the dock has been idle, we have had a general clean up, all the stoppers have been blocked, the blasting gas painted and a very nice nursing made for it, in order to protect it from the hot sun and rain. All the pumps in the gate are in good order and work very well. They are fitted up with two iron branches, each with three pumps, and I think the water may be pumped out so as to float the gate out of its place in one and a half hours.

Now Watson has got an iron fence made for the walk at the entrance of the dock, and we shall put it up in a few days. We intend to sink one of the old wells in the yard in order if possible to get the same water as that at the Dock. The Coffin Bath in the yard remains as usual (full of water).
They have abandoned the idea of driving piles for a foundation for the wall, and are now building a large float or platform of timber; this float is to be placed in a proper position and the stone work built upon it and then sunk to its place. I suspect they will take with a great deal of trouble before the wall is completed. Several attempts have been made to raise the remains of the Old Macedonia, but they have not yet been successful. I believe she is sunk seven or eight feet in the mud.

Mr. Breuff has at length received the news of the book; he has met with a great deal of trouble and vexation in getting them engraved and is very anxious to dispose of them as soon as possible. He has sent a number of them to Boston by a Mr. Riley, so he requested me to write to you on the subject. If you would be so good as to put Mr. Riley in the best way to dispose of them, you will confer a great favour on Mr. Breuff. He is a very industrious, and persevering young man, one who has been unfortunate and, but for the want of influential friends, would have been in a situation very different.

From the one which he now occupies, there are several faults in the plans, but I think he deserves some credit for the work.

Your old friend Mr. Campbell, comes over to the dock occasionally and always inquires after you.

The weather has generally been very cool this spring, but last week we had a stretch of summer, the thermometer having been 97, 90, 95 at 12 o'clock in the office. Since those days we have had November weather. Captain Warington has received this year's crop and is extremely obliged the you.

I remain with the punctures,

S. Baldwin Esq.

Charlestown

Map.