July 26, 1821

L. Baldwin Esqun

Sir. It was the intention of a few of the heavy proprietors of property in the neighbourhood of the contemplated bridge to have called on you this morning, and to have laid open the whole of the advantages and plans of their public improvement; and if they could have satisfied you as to the practical advantages of their plans, to have endeavoured to obtain your influence in assisting them. Fifty thousand Dollars of their Stock yet remains unsubscribed for. If Mr. Baldwin could be so well satisfied with the company's prospect as to recommend the object, and could actually procure that subscription, our collateral advantage warrant us in proposing to present him with $5000 of the stock for his own account and advantage. Although opposition to this improvement has in a great degree ceased, still it is not yet converted into active friendship, while we are impatient to commence the object in order to completed it early next autumn a year. We are therefore obliged to loose time or make some exertion to endeavour to get the balance of the Stock subscribed elsewhere. As my notice was too short that morning to see you personally, and understanding that it is your intention to leave town tomorrow morning, I am induced to send this communication for your consideration. It will give me pleasure to see you at my

Edwd. Shaw's Letter
July 26.
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home in Camden when you return to Philadel.a

I am, sir, Your very Ob.t H.e

Edw.d Sharp

Philad.a July 26th 21

Boston Aug 3. 1821

Dear Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 26.th ult, as well as one from Mr Lowry, upon the subject of the contemplated bridge between the Island & Camden, & in answer, I can only say, that if for the object you have more immediately in view, in undertaking the canal can now be realised in the manner you wish. I should be happy to afford you any information or aid in my power, but as I am a stranger to the place & the probable result of the execution of it upon the interest of the stockholders. I could not, with much effect, address people here with encouraging hopes to become subscribers. Mr Farnum called at my lodgings, & on my and in the course of conversation, he gave me a general view of the plan, advantages &c. I have conversed with some gentlemen here but a very natural reluctance is shown, to embarking in a project so remote from their acquaintance or interest. I have no doubt of the utility of the plan, & that if executed it will be a great public convenience. But of the mode & expense of executing it, I am not competent to judge. Should I be able to afford you any assistance, I shall be glad to serve you. Your offer is very liberal and I thank you for your very liberal offer, but, at present I can entertain no hopes of being able to serve you in the way you wish.

very respectfully
Your Obd.t Ser.t
LB.

L. Baldwin Esq.

Loaming

near Charlottesville

Virginia

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T. B. Coolidge
Sept. 14. 1821

Norfolk Sept. 14th, 21.

L. Baldwin Esqr

Dr Sir.

I arrived here at an early hour this morng & found business totally deranged in consequence of the prevalence of the Yellow fever in particular parts of the City. — I proceeded to call on six gentlemen to whom I had letters of introduction & found but one that had the courage to remain at his post. — I sincerely thank you for your polite letter to Mr. Farewell, he was absent attending to his official duties at Washington, but had this not been the case his services could not have been of advantage to me being previously engaged by those oppos'd to me.

My business in this place certainly appears very unfavorable, a variety of circumstances some of which I detailed to you have rendered it so, they were never under my controul. — My health has not improved since I saw you & after making every exertion in my power to bring this unfortunate affair to a final close I shall endeavor to reach home quick as possible.

When you can afford a few moments It will give Clarissa & myself much pleasure to hear from you. — Yrs &c.

Th. B. Coolidge

Mr. Williams.
Sept. 20. 1821

Mr. Wm. Baldwin Esqr.
care of
John Vaughan Esqr.
Philadelphia.

Lawrence

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Bos. 20 Sept 1821.

Dear Brother!

I have rec'd your two letters of 15th and 23d Sept. from Albany. — You must have been highly gratified with your Tour & view the Canals. what magnificent works! I am glad you find so much & commend — but I hope your works will excel theirs. I shall be interested in all you do, and I hope you will keep me informed as regularly as your leisure or convenience will permit. — I shall be particularly solicitous to know if after a careful survey of your route &c, you finds no great or invincible obstacles. —

You do not mention the prices of labour on the N York Canals. what is the cost per mile compared with the cost of Canals in Europe. &c? useful as the N York Canals will be, I do not apprehend that individual Companies would have been remunerated for such works. — none but the State of N York could have undertaken them.

After these few remarks you will want to hear from Home. I have seen some of your Brothers almost every week, & made due enquiries after y Health of Sam: yesterday, his uncle John was, I am sure, and all say how well & happy he is. His fine fellows is! "Carlo", the yesterday had one play together. I suppose the 4 legged animal & the 2 y were equally happy in meeting. — He says, he expects an "Engine" from father. — I do not learn that the young Gentleman has commenced his learned career. Mother has been a little unwell, but now quite recovered. — Mr Little remains weak, but has little or no fever, nor any Cough. I saw him on Monday last, & he was very bright. — What y termination will be I am sure I cannot decide. & cannot decide. Professor C. has given us a fine Lecture on Astrology — and explained to us Dr Brandy the Bas Relievo for y Pediment. Mr Ray left his Library, (imitating his Bro: Bentley) to Mr Melvin Hodge Winthrop is dead!!! to Rhett Alden, & his two or 3 Sons!! — & Meadville College!!! I. Andrews' family gets y other property.

Hope he has return'd to Mr. Mrs. Peck's. —

Capt Tracy arrived last Evening in 35 days, but it was late, & I have not seen him. — Chs complains of being unwell — sick of influenza, & one cold after another; — he talks of going to Devonshire, and taking Daniel Remsen with him, who is staying with them. Daniel, he says, is a miserable invalid, & has ruined more blood.

I have seen Mr Moody this week. He is going on well with his mill and wharf. The wharf will be finished this fall. — He is preparing to drive another Cofferdam & have once more in another place for Water. — The cofferdam on y Northern side is nearly away. — Be travelling on Broad increases; — so y Business travelling. —

I was happy to find that Mr M. & your friends and like you, like so solid & durable Works. — That is the best token of his approbation of what you have done on the Mill-Dam. — Had not so

I cannot fill so ample a sheet as you have me — Had not so much to write — but I will not let you exceed me in affection. —

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Dear Brother

Your letter dated at Albany the 23^d ult^o I—
received the 2 inst.— It gives me much pleasure to find you
had so pleasant a journey and am much obliged to you for the
particulars relating to the Canals in N^w York, I hope soon to hear
that the Canal in Pennsylvania is "Throughout" with men by
the thousands, and it would add to my gratification if I—
could make one of the number, but it is quite unnecessary
for me to touch on this latter subject as we have so recently
conversed on it and is well understood— I will only add— should
any thing occur favourable for my services in that quarter
I should be glad to be informed of it, as well as any other particu-
-lars relating to the Canal you may think interesting

Last Friday was the Mid^le Cattle Show &c at Concord it
was well attended and the exhibitions generally pretty good Brother G.
was quite awake his Daughter Mary obtained a Premium
for her Dog which were much admired she also received
a Premium for a Lace Veil— Your friend Harmon
delivered a very excellent address before the Society— He
enquired particularly after you

Little Samuel has en-
-joyed perfect health since you left him and is as much—
at home as either of our Children he is a good boy
goes to Meeting very Sabbath and is pleased with it—

He has not as yet been to School being very much
opposed to it

B. F. Baldwin
Ebo. 9. 1821 the day before
his death !!

Baldwin Esq^r
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we have not urged him as the School was soon overrun by Scholars who we did not wish him to associate with & hope to be able to make some arrangments for a school near home but at present it is quite uncertain I have been in Boston but one time since you left us I then call'd at Mr Williams and only saw the old Lady they were all well. Col. Williams came up a few days since to see Samuel but unfortunately Mary and myself were both from home but Brother G. R. attended to him and he saw Sam. — When I mentioned to Samuel that I had received a letter from you he says "well, and how does he do, will you let me see it Uncle" on viewing the second page where you had sketch'd the head of a Lock he exclaimed "O here is a Canal, and this is a Lock, and here is some fine stone work to, is it not Uncle" — he is now looking over me and ask if I was writing to his Papa "Well, you may write him that I am a good boy and with very much to see him, write my love to him and tell him I am very happy" these are his own words I could fill pages with his quer observations but I must close this by wishing you very favorable success in your great undertaking —

Your affectionate Brother

Benj.ⁿ H. Baldwin

Boston Oct. 15. 1821.

Dear Brother /

Bad news travels fast, and it distresses me to repeat what you will have learnt from Your Brother Cyprus, that your Br Franklin is no more! leaving his wife & little daughter Mary at Cambridge. He was returning home in ye evening, and on the road complained of a pain in his foot, — alighted from ye Chaise — some person came to his relief — was taken to ye House of a Mr Gardner, 3 miles from his home, & expired at one o'clock thursday morning. Fortunately your Brother James arrived at 11, and was with him two hours. One or more Physicians attended. There are all ye particulars I have yet learnt, save from George. — Changeable miserable world in which we are placed! We abide here for a moment! This with your other afflictions (as such I feel them) are almost too much for poor human nature! We trust we are under the care of an all-seeing all directing Providence that orders, tho' not seemingly so to us, every thing right: but when the storm is most violent — the clouds dark & impending, we must put on stronger armour & encounter the shock. It is in vain, both you and I have sad reason to say, to despond and mourn: as long as a spark of life animates us, we must seek to discharge in the best possible manner, all our offices & duties. To think nothing done, while any thing remains to be done. Natural and moral evil will surely come to all, — the measure is always filling, never full! — Goodness and mercy, shall they not always abound? If all were evil, the grass would not grow, — the Sun would not shine. Friendship and love would be unknown. Hope, if I may so speak, would despair.

So far I had written, and waited to close the letter after I had attended the funeral which was yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. I left Town at 1 o'clk It was 3 o'clock. raining: reached medford, rained more and threatened a serious storm. Hired Wyman's Hack, and reached your Brothers House at 3, just in season to attend and hear prayers. — I saw James a few moments, but had no time to collect any further mem^a which I might communicate. The coffin was already on ye Hearse — I had not time to take a last look of your Brother which I intended. The Storm continued with rather more violence — it was two and a half miles to ye Burying ground. Your Brother, considering the distance &c, attend our returning, wh we did without waiting to follow ye procession. Had only time to enquire for and see the delightful Boy, who came home in the Kitchen, and for a time clung to One, without speaking a word, so happy to meet his Uncle! He appeared remarkably well, except a slight cold. — Unfavourable

Dr. J. Williams
Oct. 15. 1821

Dr. Baldwin Esq^r
Lebanon
County of Lebanon
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Dr. J. Philadelphia.)

unfavourable as the Day was, the House was full of people
fifty or more chaises about the Barn and fences.
It was so wet & dirty, I suppose no one, at
least female, would walk —
I believe I have not acknowledged your last letter
from Phila. I thank you for the details. You will not
fail to write us as often as you have promised.
You must compensate as far as you can, your absence
by the mode:
Believe me, Your sincere
sorrow
Jim Williams.

Alf. Nov. 4. 1821

Mr. Baldwin Esqr.
Lebanon,
County of Lebanon,
Pennsylvania.

(via, Philadelphia.)

P. Williams
Oct. 28. 1821

Sunday: 28 October 1821.

Dear Mother,

Your letter of last Sunday 23d October I Received this morning. I was happy to find that your Brother's Letter & mine had safely reached; James promised to write you all ye particulars of Franklin's death I have seen none of ye family since & have acquired a knowledge of them myself. I understand that Mary is much afflicted — She will want all the fortitude she can summon as a reasonable & christian woman & support such a loss! Her Brother Obrien, Hawthorn, who follows ye Sea went the last voyage in ship Falcon Lewis, intends staying at home with his Sister Mary this winter on ye of her misfortune. Mrs Platt intends visiting Woburn this Week. From your ace of your Brother I knew not his value before — Regret that I did not see & know more of him. If he was, well qualified for happy in this world, he must be so in another. How little Sam's loss can be made up I know not, till you return but there are enough of us I hope & always will be to take care of this interesting Boy: be perfectly tranquil on his account. Pursue your Labours — be successful — steal a few days & come and see us this Winter —

You say you never felt before the uncertainty of life! I can truly respond to ye sentiment. My difficulty is, one which I am oblig'd to combat & believe there is any thing remaining in life worth having or living for. Some of my best and dearest friends are summoned away — my habits of life more tame and monotonous — my sympathies seldom excited or returned! Thank God however I have some valued friends living, who are a solace to me, and & whom I may be! —

Had President K—d has told me to-day, (among a thousand fine reflections, that life is uncertain that we may have hope, but check presumption; — that the "first cause" is in ye "second" a favourite expression of his; — that every thing proceeds from that first cause, — that nothing is left to act of itself & independently. — We die — we have lived to time allotted us! — &c. —

While thus we are permitted to exist, how many things ought we to do — how prepared to go at ye first summons! Your letter and the Day have led me into a sombre train. All is still and quiet, & I could not resist ye inclination of immediately replying to you, especially as the mail I have ascertained can enable us to talk together once a week! —

In addressing my letter you will observe — I said "via Phil^a." Would it reach you any sooner by ye way of N York? — When it does not interfere with business, say what progress You have made — what hopes and prospects — any companions, &c. &c. — I have scarcely seen one of your old friends since your absence, except Mr J. Knapp who was kind enough & come & pass part of an Evening with me. — all ye news of ye Town &c I must defer. —

Mother, indeed all our friends, have been remarkably well! Mother thinks you, & of little Sam, always. —

Yr affec. T. Williams.

Boston Nov. 19th 1821.

My dear Uncle,

Your kind billet has just welcomed us, & as an engagement at a bridal party of an old friend prevents Mary from complying with her promise, my Mother has commissioned me to thank you for the pleasure you have afforded us. I am aware that this party will deprive you of an entertaining letter, but I beg you to overlook all my errors & accept the "will for the deed". This is Monday Evg. & the Whist party has already begun. I wish you could take a hand, my dear Uncle, or hear the numerous exclamations of, "I wish brother Baldwin was here". It is not flattering, when I say that none of our guests can supply your loss to our family circle, & that you were daily growing in our affection & regard. Distance will not however lessen our tender feelings & we have the consolation of knowing that yr labor is but for a time. Yr residence in a land of such ignorant & illiterate strangers would indeed be miserable if it were not for constant occupation by yr own resources. How strange it is that with so many advantages of soil & climate these people should live despising every like cultivation & improvement. To you this must be particularly painful at a time too when the loss of a beloved brother would

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Nov. 19. 1821

Lt. Lorenzo Baldwin Esqr.
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remind you of the sympathy you would have had from friends at home. We have all mourned sincerely not only for you, but for little Samuel, who had just begun to reap the benefit of his instructions. My Mother & Mrs Coolidge a few weeks since went to see this dear little fellow, who has become so polite & manly that you would almost smile. He gave Aunt Pratt a very cordial reception & to every question, nothing less civil than "yes or No Ma'am" escaped his lips. Amid all his propriety before company, he did not forget his humor & when Mamma asked him if he went to school he replied with a good natured smile, "No. school will be over soon." True said Mrs Baldwin it will soon be closed for the winter. She praised Sam very much, indeed, said all that the fondest parent could wish. He is well & happy & desired his love to his Papa when any one wrote. I have a bad headache, dear Uncle & must leave you to dream of this ruddy little boy 'till tomorrow when I hope to regale you with a little of the news of the day.

Tuesday Eve. I promised to give you the news & to begin with the most interesting. Mamma has been to play a rubber at No 3. & found Grand'ma with the spirit & animation of a young girl playing Backgammon with her Eldest Boy. Uncle Tim had been to make a bridal visit to his neighbour Mr. Cabot & returned well pleased with Domestic Bliss. Our winter campaign has commenced very gaily & on Friday next Mr. T. Lee, Belle Vue, gives a Ball. Ladies of a certain age are putting their Mantua Makers in requisition for this great occassion, & if "pink zephyrs", "pinkettes", &c &c, do not wound the heart of this Bachelor Beau, I cannot be the hopes of these fair damsels. No new matches of any interest have occurred in ye absence. The town is now much excited by a report of Prof. Everetts assiduous attentions to the daughter of P. C. Brooks Esq. & it is generally believed they will be well mated. He is about delivering a course of lectures upon Greece, Rome &c. & has 140 subscribers at $ 10 a ticket. You have perhaps heard that the Overseers at Cambridge have voted that after 6 months no Professor shall reside in Boston. Honor & principle will I hope induce Mr. E. to return. But I am exhausting ye patience & find my sheet so nearly filled that I must draw to a close, begging you to accept our best love & wishes for ye health & happiness. Ye kind offer to the rheumatism came very opportunely for you, as the twinges were so slight it preferred not leaving its comfortable abode. Adieu & if you have leisure to reply to this miserable epistle believe me I shall never be too much occupied to tell you that I am ye affect. niece

Anne Pratt.

Dear Brother Boston Nov 27 1821

I rec'd your few's of some days since and sister Mary also has rec'd one from you She would, I suppose were she able, express under her own hand the gratitude & attachment she feels towards you & would reciprocate the sentiments of regard & affection which were so kindly expressed towards her in your letter &c &c — She is at present unable to go about her room her spirits are returning but she is too feeble to move about much — Samuel enjoys good health his cough is not yet over — I talked of bringing him to Town today but his things were not quite in order when I came away this morning — George is appointed Adm^r on B & D's Estate — Mary Guardian to the Children & Cyrus, myself & Sister Coolidge are appraisers — when we have completed the Inventory it will be returned to Court & then shall want your further

Lt. F. Baldwin.
Nov. 27. 1821

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Engineer
Lebanon
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advice about a dissolution of the State - Cyprus has rec'd your
letter from Lebanon - Sch Sullivan Steam boat
went to sea - out 2 or 3 days - returned broken -
said again & how they make out I dont know -
I see by the papers that the dam at Fort Miller
is carried away - you thought it a puny effort
of man. — Our canal hasn't open yet but runs
on in pretty good - My boys has not yet
come back - I want to go after her & spend
Thanksgiving with them in Connecticut & it will
truly be a Thanksgiving home if I can go & stay
a day or two without thinking of my canal
concerns — Mr P. J Jackson asked me the other
day if you were coming to northward soon - he said he
had a question on which he wished your decision
I don't think of any news to tell you &c we are
pretty well at present —

affectionately your brother

A. J. Baldwin

P.S. I spent an evening very pleasantly
at Mr Wm. Cockburns some time since

Albany Nov. 21 1828

The distance from one Lock downstream need not necessarily be more than 80 rods for rafts & less for boats - they ought to be of some considerable length that the surges of water may in locking may not disturb the boats that may lie in these levels or basins

I should like to know how long this summit level is to be should the Locks all be placed at the lower end of it & whether your feeders (of which I do not) would be running in to the canal along the whole length of this summit level - or only run in at a few places & then places near each other - perhaps it would be advisable to make a flush lock as soon as you get past the feeders in order that this upper level may be shut & fill in a little time - in case a boat should come there & want to proceed thence -

I should I think make but 3 Locks of the 25 feet fall one locks are mostly 8 feet lift & more; some are 9 feet

If you can give me a little more information as to the extent of your summit level & quantity of water to feed it - I will give you more fully when I am interrupted, what part we within my reach

Dear Brother Canal East Hartford Conn. Dec. 7 1821

I rec'd your letter of 29 ult. with the Report on the Union Canal, just as I was preparing to come to this place & have taken the first leisure time I have had to answer it - I left Woburn on Monday last - Samuel was then well & Mary was gaining strength - although not able to walk about much. - Mrs Pratt was not to Woburn on Monday but Samuel went to Town - he is truly a fine boy & is quite reasonably in his wants & as manly as a child of his age could be - Franklin Children are all well -

I have finished, before I came away the Inventory of Franklin's Estate except the interest on the amount now is 24,404.54 = Real 13521. - Personal 10883.54 I do not know of any great amount which is due from the estate -

The first part of the report of the Canal Com'rs was published by in a Boston paper on Tuesday last - It must be a source of great pleasure to find the confidence of the Committee in your abilities so well established -

With regard to the location of your Locks - you may recollect my saying that one person would tend two locks as

well as one if they were together - There is to crafts men a convenience in keeping them Pond locks because they are so near each other - they have to break up them raft but once for all these locks - whereas if the locks were a mile or two apart they would have to cast together & as often break off their shots as the come to each lock & the coming to & the getting underweigh again takes up time - There is no doubt but that six locks are kept easier together than if they were separate: especially for rafts - Boats it does not make so much odds with - But your questions do not relate to the expeditious travelling or expense of building - but to know how to apply the limited quantity of water which you have to the most advantage without regarding the an arrangement which other wise would be best - You are not obliged as owners on the Middlx Canal to supply the lower levels from the summit level & of course not obliged to keep a current running for this purpose - The draught of water on M.C creates a shallowness at the lower end of the Cony levels - (i e) at the head of Hopkins Lock & Horn Pond Locks & boats often get aground say 100 & 300 rods above the lock & then the lock gate must be shut & the boat must wait until the water rises high enough to float them off but in clipping your canal you might make the bottom an inclined plane & of such a descent as that it should be parallel with the running surface of the water - I am inclined to think - that if there was a lock at Tays on the long Woburn level (6 miles) we should have better water than we now have through our meadows & the rest of the canal to Horn pond - we should have a power over the water at Tays & force it along by means of a head we should then have - now we can do nothing but fill the ponds at Tayes' lock as high as Sundown will warrant & then leave the water to work along as it will - but you must remember our difficulties happen but in dry seasons when the foulness of the canal bottom is great & the progress of the water impeded by grass, weeds &c - I do not readily see how a less quantity of water will be necessary to carry a boat thro' the 6 Locks when separate than it will when they are together - but the water may be proportioned or portioned out into the levels where the locks are separate as circumstances may require - that is you may make a kind of lock of each level so as to make a boat to pass by emptying a little more for the level to fill.

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Samuel P. Baldwin Esqr
Engineer in the
Pawtucket & the Union Canal Company
Lebanon
Pennsylvania

Samuel P. Baldwin
Dec. 7. 1821

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There were several rafts in our Canal on Tuesday the 4 inst & the ice was broken for them to pass — they probably got to market although we have had some cold nights. I have sent a Telegraph Thanksgiving Hen with friends & Mrs Pitkin addently wished that you could have partaken with us in all her, Sarah especially, with the remembrance of you — Sarah, little Anne & myself shall cease this plan for home next Monday if Hope —

There has been quite a spirit of speculation raging in Chelmsford near the mouth of Concord River & the Pawtucket Canal ~~is~~ in purchasing land & locating Townships of Pawtucket Canal Shares — they have been often byers & mine & offer us 80 Dollars per share — Nathan Tyler has sold his estate for 8000 Dollars & with the money has purchased the Bragg Farm near Byers for 7000 Dollars of Mr Foster — they are quite awake in that quarter & no one knows who, that makes this stir it is, or what it is for — Mr Wm Prat intimated to me that he supposed it was some persons in the Waltham Cotton Factory

who were making a movement in that quarter — Caynes has sold his Row in Woburn to Bowe for what it cost, perhaps yours will sell now the people are so excited in W Bennett — They have offered him — nem. con. 700 dollars a year battle with them — I think he will remain —

Swith to get something of the Plymouth Co for my Winthrop lot of land set down at a 1000 Dollars — perhaps I could make an instrument for my benefit of your claim & mortgage upon a part of the Fox right — what your prospect is of getting your pay or what the amount is now due, I dont know — but if you feel it cleared will bear at a low rate or let me have such a part of what I get — I may obtain a settlement with the Company by means of the Whittemore by which I may realize something for my lot of land — as Franklin estate is now appraised & the expenses of the family paid from a common stock you advise as to the next step will be available

How much & what property can many have out of the personal estate? — Will the Judge give her what is just, or must the petition for what she wants? — Can the Admr sell hay, wood — horses or cattle at private sale without leave from Court. Franklin's farming instruments were appraised at 75 Dollars Brass scale at 10 I think — They will not be disposed of until we see or hear from you —

I suppose Samuel will stay but a few days in Boston before he goes back to Woburn again — I think you need not make yourself uneasy about him — he is now very well & will be taken care of by some of us —

I should like to hear from you often & will communicate to you all things which I think will interest you — I am with great affection

Your Brother

P.S. W Pitkin wishes to know if A.T. Baldwin any powder is wanted in your works — If so he would like to have you 15 or 20 Casks of various sized kernels & qualities for trial; will deliver it in Phil.a — and at prices as reasonable as any one — to be named when the quantity wanted is ascertained — you can mention what price it can be had with you for — he thinks he can make it as strong & good as Dupont's

Fisher Williams.
Oct. 18.

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Baltimore
Lebanon,
Pennsylvania.

Bos. Dec: 10th 1821.

Dear Brother, Carroll

I duly rec'd your letter of 29 Nov: from Philadelphia, & the report of the Directors. Nothing since that time from you but I will not defer writing you any longer, especially, when I can give you news of your Samuel who has been at his aunt Pratt's a week. He was never in better health. He interests us all. His Aunt & many dance went to Woburn last monday & brought him. They found mrs B rather better but still in her chamber; suffering more debility, than actual sickness. I believe from

James has gone to Connect for his wife. —

You will expect all I know. I can give you: I can officially announce that Professor E: E: has at length, crowned Miss Charlotte Brooks, with his choice! Rev. Francis Parkman, a miss Hall of Medford, daughter of Natt. Hall. —

This is well for one week. —

Mrs Catherine L — e has blessed her husband with a fine son. Mr E's lectures thus far have been instructive, — I am more gratified than I expected to have been. —

The manner you know is a great deal. I am much obliged however, even when nothing new is communicated to have much information brought together by an intelligent and able Performer. —

J. T. Jackson, Moody, Mr N. Appleton, & the Boott's have bought the Canal at Pawtucket Falls, with 300 acres of land!! They have given 50 à 100 Dollars for a share in the Canal. Kirk Boott, & Co reside there on a salary of $3000. — He will build a House for himself, &c. &c. —

They expect to print as well as manufacture Cotton Cloths. Do you own any shares in that Canal? —

They say they shall have to widen, enlarge the Canal &c, as it is in poor condition; probably make stone Locks for wooden ones. —

As I hardly know where or when this letter will find you I write not begin a new sheet. Always yrs W.

Frankfurt a/M.

Canal

Phoenixville December 19.th 1821

Baldwin Esq

near Lebanon

D.r Sir—

We have this day forwarded You a load of tools for the Union Canal Company consisting of Sledges, Crow Bars, Barrows &c.) the above will be stored in Reading subject to Your order under the Care of George D. Bkein Merchant there Immediately upon the return of the Team We Shall Send You another Load which will complete our contract, which Load We will deliver to You at Lebanon. and in case You have not sent for the present Load our team can haul them from Reading to Lebanon for You—

We Remain Yours with much Respect

Jonah Thompson & Co

Jonah Thompson & Co.
Dec. 19. 1821
Answer Dec. 23. —

Mr. Baldwin
Engineer for the Union Canal Company
Lebanon Pa

Do. Mail from Reading
Mr. 9.92 Dup

Lebanon Dec^{r} 23. 1821

Gentlemen

Yours of the 19th inst ~~has~~ is just ~~received~~ recieved, & when the articles arrive here at Reading, may remain I will send, either your order or attend to their delivery. Those intended to be left there for the present, & should I have occasion for them The Castiles which were sent a few days ago by Mr Hardey were received by Dr Linneaean while I was from home, & when I counted them they were all right according to the list contained in your former letter, except the gauges, & the pieces with the auger. There were but 26 instead of 31 gauges & only 4 instead of 8 pieces for the auger. The man who counted them informs me that they were right when they were delivered. If so some must since have been lost or stolen. He did not count the pieces of the auger. Those in my case here are the auger, two large drills, two pieces in joints of the rod, & two tops or handles

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Dear Brother Charlestown Dec. 30 1821

Yours I rec'd your letter of with your report & supplement, to the Board of Managers of the Union Canal of Penn. It seems you must encounter heavy expences to get your canal by the northern & southern routes - Your plan of guaging the water for the middle route I should think a good one - but the streams seem to be inadequate to the purpose when you can measure the water by its passing thro' a 3 inch aperture - I dont know how great a head you have had on these guages but it must be pretty high to furnish water enough even from a dozen brooks to supply the crown level - I have not a any map which I can follow your description by - but to one acquainted with the ground I should think they must have a good knowledge of the routes after reading your reports -

P.S. Just as I was sealing the letter Dec. 31 I rec'd your favor of 23 inst with a sketch of your locks & levels - I wish I was near you that we might converse upon the subject more satisfactorily - Your reports are well there - J.F.B.

I suppose you have concluded to lay out the Canal on the middle route & that you think of placing the locks separate - this will save water in the ascending navigation - and the small lifts & the locks are recommended I suppose as another method of saving water - but you will have more head gates and if they are not very tight the escape of water will be more than 4 head locks gates then two.

When I wrote you last Samuel was at Mrs Pratts - I have called to see him three times & he seemed to be quite pleased to see me - yesterday I went over with Chunie & carried him to Woburn. The little fellow was in high spirits at the idea of going home as he called it - we left Mrs Pratts about 12 o'clk with his baggage - coaches horses - oranges &c - & when arrived at Mary's all his boxes & bundles were soon emptied & his playthings all strewed upon the carpet to shew Aunt Mary what he had given to him in Boston - Mary seem'd to be as pleased at his returning as Samuel was - they both were happy I left them in about 30 minutes after I got there & returned here for James was rather ill & so cold & I did not wish to be absent a great while - I told Samuel that Aunt had heard he was a very good boy - & he say "I don't think that is true" - The folk were & is doing well They have an ordination at Woburn on Tuesday next Cyrus's family were well a few days since - he is quite unwell in consequence of the new factory which is to be built in Chelmsford - he sold his shares in the Locks Canal on M. River for 75 Dollars each much less than I would sell for - Mr Williams can inform you about your shares if any application is made by or for them - don't sell them unless you hear from one of us - Two Middlesex Canal shares sold at auction a few days since for 297.50 each - The last sales which I know of before this, was at 180 Dollars each - I am very busy night & day making out my yearly Canal accounts - our Prop meeting is on 16 Inst -

with great affection I remain Your Brother
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