Boston Jany 12th 1822

Loammi Baldwin Esqr

Canal

Sir I had the Honor of knowing you in Boston and am very desirous of being employed in your Service on the Pennsylvania Canal- Having a tolerable knowledge in Surveying drawing plans &c I should like to assist you in that department if you should want such an assistant — Or to take charge of a Company of Workman in any part of the line — Or in most any other capacity that you may think me most serviceable; for which I desire nothing more than a reasonable compensation —

I much solicit your favour Sir and have no doubt I should give ample satisfaction — For any thing further I beg leave to refer you to Capt Alex Parris Asst of this Town who is well acquainted with my Character and Abilitys —

Be so kind Sir as to favour me with an answer as soon as convenient and excuse the abruptness of your

Obdt & Humble Servant

Chas Lynch

Charles Lynch
Jan. 17. 1822
Ans. Jan 21. —

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Loammi Baldwin Esqr
Lebanon
Pennsylvania

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PS Objections may arise from my not living on the Spot, I will only say, that I will come at almost any time, if you should give me any encouragement of Success

Sinnickson Williams
Jan. 13.

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Communicate Baldwin Esqr
Lebanon,
Pennsylvania.

Answd: Bos. Jany: 19: 1842

Dear Brother /

Your two last letters, Dec. 30, & Jan 6, the latter recd. this day; are before me. I am glad our Town Meeting is any thing more. hence can afford you any amusement. It is about time I have done with the frothy demagogical harangues in Faneuil Hall, — where the sinners of the Voice of a Clough or Adams or Emmons, or Fifth shall no longer be strained to their disgrace & ours. I do not know that we shall have a better government, but the better part of the community seems indisposed to attend our unnecessarily townmeetings. We have had since the beginning of the year many very cold days — one — 8° below. Much ice and Harbour. — a little Snow, that makes one slippery. I am rejoiced to hear that your Summit Level is completed. Limestone I have never seen laid bare. — I dd. think it difficult to blast in large pss.

Your Brother James has been busy in making out his annual Statement of the M. Canal; The prof. & income last year $24000 — net income $16000. — I know nothing of yr value of this property. — after their annual meeting, I will see James and converse with him. Money is worth 6 per cent. I can invest yours at that rate. You can probably procure at Mch. States Bank, a Bank dft or order on the Branch here, which I suppose Mr Mifflin or any friend in Phil. would do for you. My commercial friends are James Schott & Co. I have just rec. your Quarters Dividend at yr Loan office. —

You have inquired respecting a man Servant. George Saunderson thought he could do better than live with us — getting higher wages & more employment. When Fred.k Cabot began House-Keeping, he hired him at $15 pr month, (we gave him but $12 /) and agreed to employ him at yr Store, where he might learn something about opening, packing goods, &c. From the latter, I believe however, he has not derived any advantage. — Instead of George, we have a nephew of Geo. S. —s, — an excellent lad as we could wish, so that we do not miss Geo: so much as we expected. —

Considering yr expense Geo. would incur by his journey &c, the wages he now gets, would it be advisable to have him? What would Fred.k say? If you prefer him to all others, you might write him a letter and ask him if he would live with you, — State what his wages & services to be &c. — — — — — — — — Could not you? — — — — — — — —

Mr. H. is a plain sensible man — Mrs very well. They both are social. — Receives quite in style.

— Have you read an octavo volume by Col. Haines of New York, giving the whole history of this great canal. There are many things that would be useful to you. I have lent my Copy to James.

— If other Lime than the Water proofline, was ground & pulverized as that is, might it not set better than when slacked in ye common way? The experiment might be made — I am not chemist enough to determine. May you not find ye same sort of limestone?

As you have determined on your Summit level, I conclude you have found water enough, tho' you seem to rely on many "little Rills & Springs."

You will not let ye Yankees boast of better tho' of mightier work than your Pennsylvanians. — From your Summit, either to ye West or the East, I presume you then descend it? — no rise, or if any, none of consequence. — Is it so

I hope your funds & the spirit of the Undertakers will prevent the use of Wood or any perishable materials. — Stone & Iron, let it be. On the Wyoming Canal, I noted that the culverts — many of them — were of iron. —

As grass, weeds, &c, exceedingly impede the navig.n of Canals, should not some attention be paid in excavating to the nature of the soil & avoid what would be most likely to nourish plants? —

In making Embankments at least you might have ye option off what material you chose, and stipulate accordingly in your contracts? I do not what would grow on "blue gravel".

Excuse my canalling at such length. I did not like to use so much white paper travel & Lebanon — At this gloomy season, there is little petty news & communicate — you do not want to hear of every dance supper, or dinner. — — — You will rejoice to hear of the welfare of your friends and mine. Mother is remarkably well, and we are, thank Heaven, all so. — A little cold — a little rheumatism are of course of our misfortunes at present. Horrid winter howls without, & we must endeavour to counteract it by brighter fires and brighter faces. —

Mr E's two last lectures were on Jewish Antiquities, the next to be on Babylon, Baalbec, and Palmyra. — of their Ruins, &c. —

I am writing by candle light, wh is not often my custom, — I am preparing for ye morning Mail, & so bid you good night.

Yrs J. W.ms

I have opened my letter dear — Monday morning Jany. 14. th Geo. Saunderson I find is not satisfied with living with Mr C. He would be glad to go and be with you on ye same wages he now receives. — You can write to him, (to my care) and say whether you will have him — what wages — what services, &c. &c. — Yrs W.

The Glass this morning, only 8° below zero.!!

Dear Brother Schaticoke Sunday Jan 20 1822

Your letter of 23 Dec was the last I have had from you & am sorry to say that I have been so busy since, making out my accounts & attending Canal meetings, that I have not had quiet & moment enough to write any kind of a decent letter to you — Mary had a letter from you a few days since which George brought to me — indeed all your letters do go the round of the family — I suppose When you receive information from this quarter you naturally look out for something about Samuel — I have not seen him lately, but George says he is well & goes to School, with many children, to Miss Page at Mr Reeds / Elisha's / House — I should think you might get quite

Samuel F. Baldwin.
Jan. 20. 1822

Saml F Baldwin Esq
Engineer
Lebanon Conn.

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cary as to her situation. I have no doubt you count to see them but that is inconvenient at present and all we can do here is to keep you informed of his welfare — I hope we have now done for a few weeks at least with Canal and Meetings as the yearly ones are over — We drawn this year 20 Dollars on a share for Middlesex Canal — might have had 2 Dollars more per share had we not reserved the income of the Merrimack Canal to pay in part the Lottery debt — We intend trying this season to leave Boat tickets again in N. Canal Lottery

The passage way this side of Concord River is narrow but I think as much as 20 feet wide We experience no difficulty in passing them of any consequence — The sides of the Canal (Shoguifield so called) are walled up with the stone blown out of the Ledge

Mr Hallett has given me the number of Passports issued from his office in this Town & they average for the last 8 years 1054 per year — in 1821 they were say 950; less than an average indeed the Canal gross Income for 1820 & 1821 has been less than any other years for 8 years last past — in 1820 it was 17,862,39 — & in 1821 24,151.57 —

Added to the 1054 Boats that have passed up the Canal to Charlestown 100 " from Medford & other landings & you will have 1154 Boats up & of course the same must come down which will make 2308 " which pass the Canal from May 1 to 10 Nov = 224 days at over 10 per day — not including the Packet Boat which passes once a day Sundays excepted

My family are all well & Sarah wishes to be remembered to you —

Affectionately yours —

Sam. F. Baldwin

Mary has become quite chirpsical again & well

Boston Janry 21. 1822.

Loami Baldwin Esqr.

Dear Sir –

As the time prescribed by law for the Plymouth Compy to retain their property or a sufficient amount to discharge all claims on said Compy, has nearly elapsed. they having voted to dissolve the company, either in Janry or March 1816. six years being the time required. Unless something is done about the half of the right which I bought of Aspinwall, we shall lose our claim against the company. It will be a hard case on my part, if I lose the whole I have paid on acct of the said half right. I have paid in taxes to save it from being sold more than $170– besides $407.65 paid you for Aspinwall. There has been granted to this right since you sold 612 acres of land. I wish you to write me by Mail and state the lowest and best terms you

Loami Baldwin Esqr.
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will quit the half a right to me or, it would be a pity that you should lose your interest in the right, and I lose all the money I have paid for it - one half the 640 acres of land, belongs to Tobias Lord. I beg you to write me on the subject with as little delay as possible -

Dear Sir -

Yours with esteem

Wm Whittemore

P. S.

Upham told me that he had paid a part of one Execution, if I mistake not, he said he had paid about $200 - WW

Boston Jany. 31. 1822.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of 20th, reached me the 29th, and that of 21st this day. The latter enclosed a Bank Draught on our State Bank for One thousand Dollars, which is passed to your credit. I hoped to invest it at 6 per cent, but at this moment the demand for money is slack. Owing to the weather and season, nothing is doing

I am ever yours
Tim. Williams.

This being a business letter, I must take my Sunday or some other evening to write you the news. I am happy to say we are all well. Your Brother James I see almost every day, of course enquire after the Boy. — Nothing very late of him, but I believe he is well, and I am pleased to hear, goes to School. — W. Our news from London is 80 days old — I know not when we shall hear from our friends. The December and January Packets may arrive together.

L. Baldwin Esqr

Timothy Williams
Jan. 31. 1822

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L. Baldwin Esq.
Lebanon
Pennsylvania

Phila^a. February 2^d. 1822

Mr. S. Baldwin

Lebanon

Canal

Dear Sir

You will much oblige us by sending a receipt for the articles received from us by Gen^l Haray on the 15 December last, stating each article received — On presenting our accounts at the office, they could not be passed unless the receipt was more explicit — the receipt merely mentions that all the Tools according to the loading bill has been received — the load consisted of the following —

50 Hammers
50 Handles for ditto
50 Picks
50 Handles
50 Grub Hoes
50 Handles
50 Boring Stone augurs
31 Mauls
47 Rammers
31 Gauges
12 Wheelbarrows —

omit
of the last load you, acknowledging the receipt of 21 Sledge Handles which please include — Your answer per return of mail directed in Phila^a will much oblige Your mo ob^t Sat

Jonah Thompson & Co
p Edward Garrigues & Co

Jonah Thompson & Co.
Feb. 2. 1822
Answ. Feb. 5. —

Mr. S. Baldwin
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Gentlemen.

In answer to your request contained in your letter of the 2d inst, I inform the weight of your ~~request~~ mention. The sledge handles were receipted for in the following terms "50 Sledges with handles", and if you mean 21 handles separate from the sledges, I received none. However I also inform a duplicate receipt, of the one I gave in my letter of Jan 15th presuming that this will be satisfactory.

Yours
L Baldwin.

Lebanon Feb. 6. 1822. Received on the 15th of Dec. last, of Jonat Hemphrey & Co, by Mr Hardy, for & on account of the Union Canal Company, 50 hammers 50 handles for do. 50 Picks. & 50 handles for do. 50 Grub hoes & 50 handles for do. 50 boring stone augers 31 needles. 47 rammers 31 gauges 12 wheelbarrows.

L Baldwin

"(Duplicate)" Lebanon Jan 15. 1822. Gentlemen. I have this "day received by Mr Hardy, the articles sent by you as stated in the invoice viz. "50 sledges with handles, 50 chain augers, 50 crow bars, 10 doz sharp pointed "shovels & 38 wheel barrows for & on account of the Union Canal Company."

L Baldwin.

Messrs. Jonas Humphrey & Co
Phoenixville.

Sunday Feb. 3. 1822

Dear Sir.

It being Sunday I begin a letter. A few days since I rec'd & acknowledged 1000 Dollars you ordered sent Dixie.

I thank you for your letter of 20 ult°. — the details about your summit levels, — your answers & my queries about time &c. When any thing new occurs in the canalling way, I shall always be interested to hear.

At length a rival has arrived from England, & we have London Dates to the 30th ult. They are all well. — Mr Coolidge has a long letter from his Son Joseph at Siena, of 24 october, and a very good one. He says Geo Seymour & Davis returned & — of course, have seen very little of Italy. —

All Travellers seem to admire Tuscany — happy indus: peasantry, a mild, good Government, a country literally abounding in corn wine, and oil. They say, that Eustace's book of Travels, is a Book of Hyperboles. — So extravagant is his praise of almost every thing. —

Mother made a Wedding visit, & some others, tho' in very cold weather, she suffered not. She called on Mrs A. Lawrence, who has a beautiful Child, as my mother says, a Boy. I wish I could say, Catherine enjoyed better health. —

Your old friend Capt Gilchrist has bought a Farm in Charleston new hampshire on the Banks of ye River — as I have not seen many days I conclude he has removed his Family, and left medford forever. —

If he cannot make any money by farming, nor could he at any one make it at Sea: I know not when trading was more unprofitable on ye great Ocean, a great abundance of created by ye labour of man beyond ye wants of the consumers. It applies to ye richer products of the earth, or to ye most usual & what are called necessary ones: If it is not plenty only — it is profusion. — Instead of having enough of the, "nati commune bonges", we want millions more. Let there be rot in the cotton, fly or weavil in the wheat, premature frost for ye cane, vine, or olive, there appears to be more than enough! — The Black Sea — the Baltic — the Atlantic, the Mediaw, — pour forth abundance! —

Your Brother Geo: was in Town yesterday, & said Sam (after having had a slight cold) was well again, & going to School. By the Spring I expect to hear much of his scholarship. — — —

James says, Mary talks of living with her mother next Spring, making one Family, & letting for ye present your late Brother's place. That the mother's House was a very good one — would accommodate them very well. In that Case, would she continue to keep Sam? —

2 Shares in the Middlesex Canal were sold yesterday at auction @ $300. — would it be worth while to sell your's at that rate? — For ye Shares in the Pawtucket, I do not think more than $100 can be obtained. Mr Gardner is willing to sell at that: shall yours be sold? after a considerable thaw at ye period last month, the snow and ice were dissolved in the Empty Bason, & left the flats bare. There succeeded several cold days & two of violent N. westers, they so incommoded the Southenders by blowing the dust & sand from ye flats, filling their houses, furniture, eyes, throat & every thing with a powder as fine as emery, a great outcry arose, — the Board of Health ordered the water let in every 10 days, till further order, & cover the obnoxious Earth. Mr Moody was obliged to open partially 3 sluice Gates; the water of which, and a gentle snow, covered completely the poor vilified Bason, and all is peace and quietness!! — This powder or sand is so fine, that it polishes Brass and Steel. Such cloudy

Quincy Adams

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Washington

Feb. 3. 1822

Hon Walter Folsom Esqr.

Salisbury

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of it went there high windy days over the South parts of Town;
that Mr Lyman says coming one day into town & seeing the atmosphere
loaded with it, that knowing ye cause, he thought almost
there was a fire. Some say, while blowing you could not see
across ye street. John says, it reached the castle! —
You see what mischief may be done by Engineering.
Cutting, and Lowell, little thought that a north wester should abrade
and pulverize salt mud a sand, and throw it in such masses,
into Rose Coates Warehouse, ye & injure furniture & spoil the carpettes
Coals! What will ye Borderers on the great Basin do, — driven by —
in summer; and dust intolerable in Winter! We must have a new
order of things — a new board of health a selected men — perhaps
ye Mayor & aldermen of the & be a city may cure all the plagues of ye
the earth, and on the South, north, East, on West complain.
= dr Palfrey. (the clergyman) intends taking to himself a wife: the
daughter of Samuel Hammond! Another of them is to be married soon
to N. P. Rassell. — The first question now asked is, — how
much is Hammond worth!! Answer, by E. Francis, $300,000.
The Clergy I cannot say are the most heavenly minded.
Thursday morning Mercury 4 feet. — Yesterday arrived a ship in 38 days from
Liverpool, dates to 26 December. — The London Packet, in 22 days, after she left Boston, way in ye Docks!
will sail for Rome about the 1st February.
= Geo. W. Lyman has returned to Paris — at most pleased with Italy.
I suppose he is now in old England. —
= Our friends up Bowen of Pearl-street give a Ball to-night.
As I want to finish my dispatch, I must wait till another
opportunity, before I say any thing about ye Belles —
Because of ye Enemy. — — —
We are all well, — all remember you with the truest affection.
Yrs W.

James F. Baldwin
Feb. 5. 1822

Lammi Baldwin Esqr
In Queen
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Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of 30 Ultimo - And gladly do we contribute to the gratification of this & your many friends - We can make room for him & will do the best we can for him - We have a room which will accommodate two persons very well - & that is the most we can do - We have also a room which will accommodate one person very well - & that is the most we can do - We have also a room which will accommodate one person very well - & that is the most we can do - We have also a room which will accommodate one person

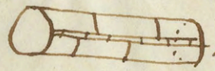
My little Boy calls him Sam-mak & has something to say about his coach & horses when we speak of him

I have heard from Clarissa lately & she is well & her children - Frederick Barnum arrived in N York a few weeks since - will go down again - soon & comes in West Series - he is in the Shark -

Your M & C Canal Dividend has been paid to Wm Williams The Canesharg Dividend of 50 Cts per Share I have remitted & credited you there with - 2 Shares being 1.00 -

I have taken lodgings for this winter at Mrs Beckford's Mrs B. returned so late in the season that I thought it best not to go to house keeping at that time - & not being able to procure ready boarding in Boston came to this place - where we have pretty good accommodations - Where we shall be this season I dont know - whether in town or country is uncertain - my Canal business would render a home in the Country as convenient as at any place in the summer - in winter I had rather be in Town -

In building your Canal I would avoid Detours - or sudden bends the crooked work by Mystic Pond has been called on the Follies (Baldwins) - The Oxbow at Wilmington is complained of by raftsmen - the rafts drawn hard upon the bank of the Canal - I think you had better build your single locks with out culverts in the lock walls - cannot your paddle gates be in the floor of the apron above the upper gates If the culverts are in the wall as those at the head of our Canal they will be difficult to clean - Work the locks with Cask there as soon as at any place - I would place the apron of the lock 8 or 10 inches (above the upper gates) lower than the trunk of the Canal so that boats will not catch in mitre sills - The Iron culverts in N York are cast 5/8 inch in thickness with flanges only on the sides - they break joints at the ends only



those 70 feet long & 2 diameter cost about 300 I think. - See Mr Haines Book - "Forms of Contracts"

I am happy to write you when you desire so much to learn from it - but I fear I trouble you with too many questions to make my letters agreeable - Sarah joins with me in wishing you all the success that can possibly result from your undertaking & above all good health -

From your affectionate Brother

Jas. F. Baldwin

The Directors have granted me 200 Dollars for past services & increased me again

Mr Alvord U.S.A. Washington D.C.
Cask of Cask No 9 of Oils Cycles & Axles
1 Volume is Field Notes which write inclosed you

Canal

Berks County Caernarvon Township 18th Feby 1822 Penna

Caomi Baldwin Esqr. Sir As a Stranger I write to you - Knowing that the Union Canal is goeing on with Spirit, and being informed that a person well qualifyed as an under Manager will meet with imployment under you - I offer my services in that way - haveing no doubt but the testimonials I shall offer will be full satisfactory - The experiance I have had in makeing Turnpike Roads & building Bridges as well as superintending and conducting the business of a Turnpike company until the Road was compliated & gates up - Also my knowledge Acct as well as in Locateing Roads, Leveling water Surveying &c. the persevering in business heretofore as well as a steadfast determination to persevere in futur - I trust will inable me to give full sattisfaction to my Imployer and do honour to myself - I will here mention a few names as Vouchers to my Testimonials who are men well known and no doubt some of them within your knowledge. Cyrus Jacobs Esqr Ironmaster of Lancaster County. Robert Brown conductor of business at C. Jacobs Esqr Ironworks of Sd County. Robert Jenkins Esqr Iron master of said County. John Zell Esqr of Sd County. John Huston Esqr of Sd County. Edward Davies Esqr of Sd County Henry Hoffman of Do. Michael Silkenter of Do. Thomas Bull Esqr late President of the Little Conostogo Turnpike Road Chester County. David Jones Esqr of Sd County. Jonathan Jones Esqr of Sd County no a member of Assembly. David Potts Esqr Ironmaster of Sd County. John Templin of Sd County. Samuel Laverty Esqr of Sd County. Robert Laverty of Sd County. Daniel Ubil of Berks County. Owen Bruner of Do. James Morgan of Do. Richd Templin Ironmaster of Do. Thomas B Smith Esqr Ironmaster of Do. Mordecai Lewis Esqr of Do. Frederick Fritz Esqr Reading Borough. Henry Christman Reading Borough. James McFarland late former Prothonatory of Schuylkill County. my intentions were to attend your appointed meeting at Lebanon but the press of business prevented me - Please to do me the goodness to write in answer and direct your letter to the care of Frederick Fritz Esqr Reading. or to the care of Mr Geo. Getz Editor Reading. Who can send the letter by his way post who brings my newspaper every monday to my house. either of these Gentlemen will send a letter to me with the first. if any of the

Managers live in the neighbourhood of Reading I may have some acquaintance with them as I am tolerably well acquainted in and about Reading. I would have paid the postage of this letter but living 14 miles from Reading southward there is no mail carried that way. only the way post as I have already mentioned who stops at my house on Monday ~~weak~~ in each with my news paper.

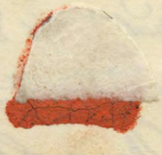
George Rigg
Jul. 10. & answ.
Jul. 12. 1812

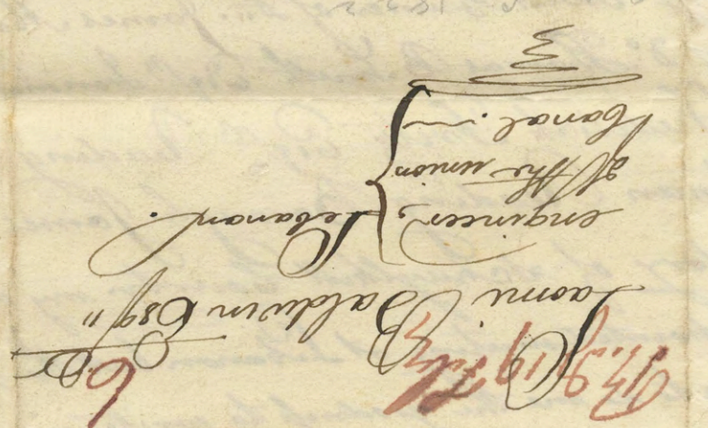
Yours Respectfully

Geo. Rigg

N. B You will do me the goodness to direct your ~~letter~~ in this way.
George Rigg near Morgantown Berks County Penn.a
To the care of Mr. Geo. Getz. Reading or to Frederick
Fritz Esq.r Reading.

Geo. Rigg





James Stott. Feb. 20. 1822
Rec'd Lond. 6 March

R. Baldwin Esqre. Engineer
Union Canal
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R. Baldwin Esqre.

Feb. 20, 1822

Sir/ Canal

I understand from papers published in Philadelphia that you were receiving Proposals for cutting, or excavating a large Quantity of Earth and Rock on the summit Level of the Union Canal; as I only got a sight of the Advertisement on the 14th it was impossible for me to tender proposals on the 15th besides had I known only a few Days sooner, the Ground has been so covered with snow that I could have formed no proper estimate had I been upon the Place: I beg leave to say that I am from near Manchester in old England, and have been employed under several of the first rate Engineers in that Kingdom; under the late John Rennie Esqre. old Mr. Whitworth Mr. R. Bennett &c. I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Brapley of the Rochdale Canal, Mr. Nightingale of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, Mr. Fletcher of the Lancaster Canal, Mr. Batram of the Peakforest canal, Mr. Telford, who I fancy is the first Engineer in England now Rennie is dead, Mr. Timperley of the Aire and Calder Navigation &c. &c. I was principal Surveyor for the Trustees of the late Duke of Bridgewater for six years and had the planning and direction of the Surveys of his extensive Coal mines and subterraneous Canals at Worsley in Lancashire. I have contracted for, and builded, several public Bridges of Stone, different Lengths of Road &c. while under the Engineers I have mentioned, I sometimes acted as Draftsman for them, at others I superintended the Works, to see that their plans and Specifications were carried into effect, and executed according to their Intentions. As I am young in this Country, I would gladly engage (at moderate Salary) as Superintendant of the Works, or as Draftsman in your Office, if you are in want of such a person; if not I will thank you kindly for any information which you believe will be useful to me in respect to gaining a Situation; an answer to this Letter is earnestly requested by

Sir,
yours &c. respectfully
James Stott.

Whitehorse Tavern
Feby. 20. 1822

please to direct "James Stott, Whitehorse Tavern N.J. to be left at the post Office Philadelphia till called for.

P.S. let me know if you have let the works above mentioned

R. Baldwin Esqre. Engineer
of the Union canal Lebanon

Lebanon March 7. 1822

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 20th of February has reached me to day through the post office, the Work which was advertised for contract on the 15th ult, was let out on that day to Mr Le Barron of Harrisburg, who is now making arrangements for commencing ~~in work~~ operations as early as possible, No other part of the line is yet prepared for execution, ~~I therefore your~~ It would give me much satisfaction to be able to render you any service, ~~in my power~~, and the qualifications you may possess, from having been employed under several English engineers not surpassed perhaps by any in the world, especially Mess Rennie & Telford, ~~would make~~ you might be serviceable to the Union Canal Company. But as we are strangers to each other, it is impossible for me to give you now any direct encouragement, particularly as I am not authorized by the Board of Managers to appoint any superintendents or overseers. The office of the Union Canal Company is kept in Carpenters Court, by the post office in Philadelphia; & by calling there upon the President Samuel Moffitt Esq or some of the managers you will have an opportunity of laying before him more particularly, ~~the~~ evidence of any qualifications you possess for the place of an assistant ~~Engineer~~ or overseer, you can then Mr Moffitt this letter, & should he think it probable that you would be wanted, & would ~~suppose~~ it not be advisable for you to visit the plane of the canal & examine the ground & nature of the services that would be required? I know many applications have been made already both to me & the ~~Board~~ managers, & perhaps ~~The~~ the Board have made or are about making an appointment.

Respectfully your Obed.t servant

Schuylkill Township, Schuylkill County.
22d. Febry 1822

L. Baldwin Esqr.
Principal Engineer of the Union Canal, — —

Respected Sir, When I was last with you in Lebanon, I understood you to say, the bottom of the sumit Level of the Union Canal, was 25 feet higher, than the Water in Mr. Glochlins Mill Dam; and I further understood you to say, that each perpendicular foot of yaer Locks, would cost $1000. Now Sir if you will give me what you are to give Mr. Lebern, and the price of the Locks at each end of the sumit level, together with other expences attending the upper Rout, I will make the Canal on the lower Rout; That is to say, I will commence at the breast of Mr. Glochlins Mill Dam; and sink the Canal two feet below the surface of the water; and raise said Dam Two feet; and so progress on towards Moyers Town, untill the water line from the above Dam, strikes the surface of the ground, or in other words, two miles & three fourths from the breast of said Dam, it

John Hughes
Schuylkill
Feb. 22. 1822
Ansd Feb. 25. —

Schuylkill Feby 23
L. Baldwin Esquire,
Principal Engineer of
The Union Canal.
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being the length of the present summit Level; I mean to say, the Lower Rout, shall not cost the Company more than the upper Rout will cost them, and save the Traveller, of ascending & descending, Twenty five feet, at each end of the present summit Level... If you should think these my proposals, beneficial to the Interest of the Company, a line from you Sir, to that effect, through Owegsburg Post Office, shall claim the immediate due attention, & thankfull acknowledgment of a favour confer'd, on Y.r Most Humb.l Serv.t

John Hughs

L Baldwin Esq.r

Lebanon Feb. 25. 1822.

Dear Sir.

I have received your letter containing a proposal to cut the canal for a summit Level to 2 feet below the surface of Mr Lacoyster's pond. This is what we conjectured to accomplish, & tried the ground in various ways, all which led to the conclusion that the plan you propose, would cost about $150000 more than the one we have adopted, & therefore I think your proposition is made without due attention to all the circumstances attending it. The Canal on the Level you propose would be 4 miles long, at an average depth of more than 23 feet cutting through the whole canal; more than half of which would be rock; you must therefore perceive that your proposal cannot be accepted by us nor accomplished by any one who knows undertakes it.

Your obd.t Serv.t

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