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U.S. Frigate Guerriere
Norfolk January 11th 1829

Dear Sir

I was highly gratified by the receipt of your letter of the 2d instant – with regard to the silver cups, "I believe you were right Sam" – they are exactly what I wanted – I have sent Mr Burtell a draft for the amount – I applied for leave of absence, but the Secretary says we must go to sea before the 15th – I should have liked much to visit Charlestown again before sailing, had it been only for an hour or two, but Heaven Knows best & I try to bear it with a good grace – altho I am confident we cannot get off before the last of the month – I sincerely hope you will be here before we sail, that we may pass a few evenings together in the same manner Many were passed before you left – I have been on board ever since you went away constantly employed from morning till after midnight reading writing &c – not one game excepting at chess – since I won your fourpence, which, I still keep in my tobacco box – If I do not see you again here, Mr Maury will give you a machero which I will thank you to use for me till I return – Mrs Wilson will give some Matches – When you go to Charlestown, I shall depend upon your calling on her –

Accept my best wishes & believe me with the highest esteem

Yours Joseph Wilson

Colon. L Baldwin
New York

Mr Wm Wilson
Care of Mr Ladd
Newburyport
Mass

Dr Brother Canal Boston Jan 7 1829

I have not heard from you since your letter to Sarah while I was in Norwich Conn. — Your wife spent the afternoon here last week & said that you was very well — We are all well but James who keeps his chamber with cold & sore throat — We have about done with the rail road reports — Mr Prentiss & I examined the last proof of my report yesterday there is about 70 pages of it & Mr Haywards may be nearly as much more & the Directors report I cannot tell how much in addition to the above — they have just begun to print the Report of the Board but it is not yet made to the Legislature it will be probable made to the Genl Court in a printed form embracing mine & Mr Haywards — I have introduced copious tables of heights & distances along the various lines surveyed which will be useful to the public if not to the Board — The Plan on a reduced scale similar to your Canal plan in your Report is nearly engraved & I want to get some good paper for 20 or 30 copies for my & your special use the best paper to be got here is poor. If you

Sarah sends her love to you

I have purchased a register for you

J. F. Baldwin Jan. 11. 1829

Loammi Baldwin Esq
Engineer
Navy Yard
New York

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will send me some paper of good quality I will have some plans struck off for our use - each plan from Boston to Hudson River ~~may~~ or rather 2 plans one to Conn. & the other for Conn. to Hudson River may make a length of 5 or 6 feet & say 9 inches wide or 8 inches within the border

Leonard has sent me 90 dollars on your account but as I expect to have to pay Mr Hilliard for Books when they arrive, I have retained it for that purpose & have not paid it over to Mr Williams as I should have done if the books were not to be paid for - I have received the tobacco for which I thank you - I hope I shall not use it all till you come home so that you can have a part of it here

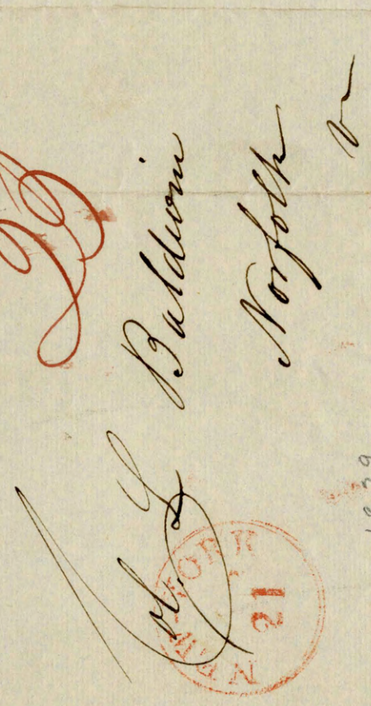
Sarah told me yesterday that your Dermal swamp water had frozen & broke the bottle & escaped - I did not know it was here - I am sorry, for we had kept it 3 winters safely — I left Norwich a week ago yesterday having surveyed by the Shetucket River about 3 miles staked out a line for a Canal 3/4 mile long fixed when the site for a dam say 16 rods long or across the River & surveyed most of the Grounds belonging to the associates - I was asked (unofficially however) if I could superintend the building of the Dam Canal & Guard Gates next season say from April to October but I gave no definite answer - I shall now make a plan of the surveys & of the guard Gates & Dam so that they may know what they will cost & how they should be constructed

I have not been to Woburn yet but intend going when the Thermometer gets a little farther from zero than it is now - George has been at Woburn looking to his boundaries &c for 10 days he was in town on wednesday; he seems to be as well as usual - Mr Prentiss will stay a few days longer & then probably will go to New Braintree to spend the remainder of the winter -

Your affectionate Mother

Jas. F. Baldwin

Monday Jany 12 1829 Mr T Williams
spent part of last evening with us
he called to hear from you



New York Jan. 30 For value received I promise William J. Bunker to pay him one hundred & fifty dollars on demand with interest.

$150. New York Jan. 30. 1829

To Col L Baldwin
Norfolk

New York Feb 20 1829

Dear Sir

I rec your letter this morning with an enclosure of a ft on the Branch Bank for One Hundred & fifty two dollars for which. please to accept my acknowledgements. the two dollars I will hand to the washerwoman as you desire

with much respect I am yours

Obt Serv
W J Bunker

Jan Brasher left us yesterday morning for the Southern

Wm J. Bunker Feb. 24. 1829

Col L Baldwin
Norfolk
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Mr. Charles Lanman

Loammi Baldwin Esqr
Engineer
Navy Yard
Norfolk
Virginia

Jo. F. Baldwin Feb. 27. 1829

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McWilliams County Room Feby 27 1829

Dear Mother

I rec^d your favor & draft for 800 ff this morning & have just paid the sum of 800 ff to McWilliams on your account I had a day or two since paid him also on your account from my own funds (Rail road pay) 400 Dollars & the same day (25 inst) paid your wife 50 Dollars so that I need not retain any of the 800 rec^d to day for your wife's use & further McWilliams seems willing to let me have money at any time & when we want we can get it & I had rather the money would be in his hands than in my own —— Your wife spent the day (25th) with us & while at Dinner Cyrus came in with Clarissa & we had a jovial afternoon — Cyrus left us this morning for home & Clarissa is to stay a few days with us — All are very well now, Betsy is better than she has been for many months — I wrote to you a few days since sending copy of Invoice of your books which are rec^d & paid for $ 293.50 — Our Legislature will rise in a few days & nothing certain done about Rail Roads only that by a Resolve they have said they think well of the scheme — George left on 10 inst but will not hurry I suppose to join you but aught by this time I should think be with you

Our papers differ as to the Cabinet from your conjectures but we all may be wrong in our guesses — I am glad to hear that your docks works are going on so well

Your affectionate Mother J F Baldwin

Your Brother has just shown me your letter of 19th —
I am glad to see your handwriting, & conclude you are well:
Your Dock seems to go on prosperously —
I wrote you by your Brother George, whom you
will see soon after the date of your's. —
We have nothing new — except ye worst snow
storm this day sennight — the worst weather I ever
knew, in all this month: cold and cheerless!
We expect to hear of many losses by sea.
We are all well. — Yrs T.W.

— if ye Deck of ye old Ship is swept clean, I am sure
that of ye new Ship will not accommodate all ye "Landlubbers",
& other Lubbers, that want births. — Very few can be entitled
to Ship as first rate seamen — many who thought themselves
worthy of a seat on ye Quarter Deck, will not get a birth
on ye Forecastle! —

Cambridge. March 4th 1829.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, to ask of you some information respecting the profession of a civil engineer. My father, in some of his last letters in which he was directing me with regard to the choice of a profession, desired me to consult you as to the prospects which this offers. I called to see you some time since, when you were residing in Boston, and as you were then kind enough to express your readiness to give me any advice or information in your power, I now take the liberty to write to you, as it may be some months before I should have an opportunity of seeing you in person. It takes so long a time to get an answer from Paris, that I wish to be able to write to my father as soon as possible, in order that I may hear from him, and determine what to begin upon by next Commencement, when I shall take my degree. I have been several times on the point of calling on you with Mr Eben Rollins, while you were residing in Charlestown, but not being aware that you had any intention of leaving that place at present, I delayed it till I found that you had gone to the South.

Before my father's late embarassments in business, it had been his intention that,

Charles S. Stevens. Mar. 4. 1829

Col. Loammi Baldwin,
Civil Engineer,
Navy-Yard,
Norfolk:
Virginia.

To Col

upon leaving College, I should go and spend a year in Paris. As you have been there yourself, you can undoubtedly tell me whether it would be advantageous as respects the studies necessary for the profession of an engineer. Could I pursue a course of scientific instruction at the schools in that country with more profit than in this, and would it be best to go there first, and afterwards finish my studies here, or the reverse. After being separated so many years from all my father's family, nothing would be pleasanter to me than to spend some time in Paris, if, while so doing, I could be preparing myself for a permanent occupation. Instruction, I believe, is cheap in that country, and books can easily be obtained there.

I am desirous, before fully determining to study this profession, to know how long a time it must be, before I could expect any employment; also in what manner employment is to be obtained, and whether there is as much competition in this as in the other professions. The life of an engineer I have always supposed to be a laborious one, as he is liable at any time to be called from one part of the country to another, but are there, at the same time, no prospects of permanent settlement? Is the employment certain or uncertain, and if uncertain is it lucrative in proportion? Coming forward into the world as I shall presently do, I am anxious to relieve my father, and to earn subsistence by my own labors as soon as possible. Even if I had not a fondness for scientific studies, this circumstance alone would induce me to reject either of the three professions which require so many years of study and of patient waiting, before it is possible to gain a competency. It is now several years since I began to think seriously of becoming an engineer, and I have lately corresponded with my father a good deal on the subject. If you can find a leisure moment to write me with regard to those points on which I am desirous of obtaining information, I shall be able to make up my mind at once, and to form my plans for the future.

I hope you will not think I am taking too great a liberty in thus writing to you. The uncertainty of the time when I could see you, and my desire to answer my father as soon as possible, have induced me to make such an intrusion upon your time.

Yours with respect,

Charles S. Storrow.

My address is, to the care of J. C. Brown - Boston -

Waltham March 15. 1829

Dear Uncle

I wrote you a little while ago but I received no answer. As Mr. Ripley went to Boston last Wednesday to preach an ordination sermon, he gave us leave to go to town and stay till the next afternoon. And I improved the opportunity by going out to Charlestown to spend the rest of the day. I found Aunt and all the rest of the family well.

I am now nearly fitted for college, for I have been through all the books that I shall be examined in, and am now going through them the second time. I have about 11 lessons to get now, 9 of which I recite every day. I get along with them as well now as when I wrote to

L Baldwin March 15. 1829
Rd. at Pensacola.

Waltham Md March 18th
Loammi Baldwin Esqr.
U. S. Engineer
Pensacola
West Florida.

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you the last time. If I get into college, Uncle, if you are willing I should like to stay in college my freshmen year and to board out of commons. My time is now pretty much occupied with study, so that I have not much time to read but what I do get I read the Life of James II. st. which I like very well.

When I wrote to you before, I requested leave of you to get a watch as all the other boys had one. I suppose the reason that you did not comply was, because you thought it would take up my attention to much. but this I promise you it shall not, if once I get it. Mr Joy's son has got a silver one, in every respect like my gold one, except that it is silver, double cased, capped, and a stop watch, imported from London, for $20. If you had rather that I should not have one, I can go without. But I should be very, very much obliged to you, if you would commission Uncle James to get me us it would be usefull to me now. I want one very much indeed. but just as you please. I should be very happy to receive a letter from you.

Your affectionate Nephew. L Baldwin

Navy

Georgetown March 25th 1829

Dear Brother

Since I received your letter of the 11 inst. I have called on Commodore Rodgers — he informed me that they should not go before the first of April at least, & that they would give you a week's notice — they expressed a determination to go as it would not be so late as to be dangerous on account of the yellow fever —

I had thought of returning to Norfork it being somewhat doubtful whether you went to Pensacola or not — but have concluded to remain about here a few weeks longer until I could ascertain the fact. — I wish you would inform me as soon as you hear of their decision upon the subject — you may direct to me at Georgetown without adding "Tilleys Hotel" as the letters in that case are taken out and left at his Bar-room by the Penny-Post — for I may not be at his Tavern —

I have not heard from my friends in Mass.tt since I have been here — except what you was so kind as to ~~write~~ mention & your letter — If you have any news from them please write me & oblige

Yours affectionate Brother

Geo R Baldwin

G. R. Baldwin March 25. 1829

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Lommi Baldwin Esqr
Engineer
Norfolk
Virginia.

GEORGETOWN, D.C.
MAR 30

Dear Brother Boston March 28 1829

I have to day rec^d your letter of 22 inst –

I returned last night from a journey to Dover, Somersworth Concord Nashua & Lowell with Mr Gilman of Norwich Conn. he wished me to accompany him to the Factories in those places – I left last monday & for the events of the past week I am not yet informed – Since I wrote you last I have paid your wife 200 Dollars which I got of Mr Williams on your account – I have endeavoured to keep her in funds & shall still continue to do it from my own collection of money or otherwise – If you recur to my letters you will find that the payments I have made to your wife & to Mr Williams & for books from my own moneys have been considerable and I was in hopes to have collected enough from the wood notes to supply your wife with what she wanted but fearing she might need more than I saw a prospect of collecting I called & obtained from Mr Williams 200 as above stated this 200 Dollars is all she has had of your remittance of 800. –

We are now pretty well but the boys have been sick with colds for a few days past – I rec^d a letter from George at Georgetown say dated 17 March – but have not answered it not being certain where he would be – I past Cyrus in the Stall but did not stop at his house, saw him however standing at his

J. F. Baldwin. March 28. 1829

Loamm Baldwin Esqr
Civil Engineer
Norfolk
Virginia

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window & again in after noon he sent us in his chair - I suppose therefore he is well - Clarissa is at Andover with her children -

Mr Parris called the other day to see your books & and also to see me about taking Caleb Edelys son into your office at Charlestown - he said he was willing & if I thought it right he would take him in - I advised him not to take any one into your office without your consent for I thought you ought not to return & find strangers there whom you knew nothing of - You are not so far off but that you can be consulted - I have engaged to take charge of the works at Norwich this summer & shall be absent from home ⅓ or ½ the time probably - I expect Mr Prentiss will assist me -

As to news I have none - our "own Middlesex" seems to be be in a broil about Senators - Charlestown wants to ~~join~~ be annexed to Boston - we shall have a fine leg of Pork in this annexation - enough to last us a century - I hope your next letter will advise us of your intention to come home instead of going South -

~~Your~~ The spelling book for Samuel furnishes him with much talk & he likes to hear me read ~~ing~~ about it in your letter. - I see Mr Mifflin of Penn. is dead & the papers say that damage has been done by ice to the Penn. Canal & Dams to amount of 300.000 Dolls this winter ~~on~~ the Juniata or Susquehanna

Your affectionate Mother
Jas. F. Baldwin

Dear Brother Boston Decr 25 1829

This is Christmas day and as I shall not go to church shall just say to you that my children are getting well - Samuel & Cyrus have caused us some anxiety & trouble - Cyrus was taken very sick when I was away & when I came home every thing looked gloomy & mournful - I found your wife at my house & whose kind offices we gratefully acknowledge - I will not describe you the particulars of the sickness & I need now only to say that prospects brighten & the children doing well Samuel is below stairs to day - James is playing about house - his school master called yesterday to see us & he speaks very well of James at school as to behaviour & progress in his studies & I assure you this is comforting to parents - as to your family they are all well I was there a few days since Mrs N. said she felt lonesome but I told her as long as they were well she aught to contented & I think she is more so than last winter -

James spend yesterday at your house & at the Navy Yard

George is busy or his Plan of Pensacola survey expects to finish it next week & then we mean to over haul the Canal paper -

Loammi spends his vacation (2 weeks) which commenced 23 inst, at Woburn & Chelmsford - I have paid his quarter bill or rather sent the money by him 22 inst to pay it as it may be interesting to you I have sent you a copy of it -

Loammi Baldwin Esquire
Engineer of the Dry Docks
Norfolk
Virginia

J. F. B. Decr 25 1829.

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Your wife I suppose keeps you advised as to affairs on that side of the River — on this (City) side there is not much doing — The Message is ~~[illegible]~~ pretty considerably well liked altho the U S Bank folks may groan some — Dont the President or Mr Secretary Branch know that there are 2 dry docks building in the U States & that they are well under weigh?

Mr Williams called to see us on Sunday & wished to know if we had heard from you & how you got along & if any symptoms of removals were seen &c — Sarah & I intend calling & seeing him & Henry some evening — Mr Williams says the experiments on rail roads in Liverpool have reduced the Canal Stocks in England very much as the Eng. papers say — He also thinks some business may grow out of the privileges to the Black sea &c I hope something will give a spring to the mercantile community before long Clarissa is with us sis well — Betsy, Cyrus writes, is better — he wanted all hands to spend Christmas with him —

I suppose the Chronicle Dam & Guard Gates are by this time done, but the Canal I fear will not be this season

Loammi Baldwin to the President & Fellows of Harvard College Dr

To Bill for first term ending Decr 23 1829

Instruction, library, Lecture Rooms, Steward Department, Rent, and Care of provision	30.00
Special repairs	1.20
Class Books delivered from Library	12.19
Wood delivered from College Yard	7.50
Board paid the contractor for Commons	29.25
	$ 80.14

Received payt — Steward of Harvard Coll

L.B. says he has had more books this term than he shall want next term & that he has found more wood than his Chumb [illegible] that next quarter term bill will not be so much as this

He entered College 24 August 1829 & I believe entered his studies immediately after — he was 16 years old 25 [illegible]

We have now fine warm weather for Christmas Thermom. 57° —

Affectionately your

J. S. T. Baldwin

Peter Remsen & Co. Dec 24, 1829

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L Baldwin Esqr.
Gosport Navy Yard
Virginia

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New York Dec 24th 1829

~~Commodore Chauncy~~
~~for~~ Mr. L. Baldwin -

Sir

The 1/4 Tun Chateau Margaux - Wine Ordered by you through Mr L Lynch has arrived in Ship Seine from Bordeaux to our address which we will deliver to yr order. For its amount $412.50 Mr Lynch has drawn on you @ 60 ds/st which we shall forward for your acceptance. Be good enough on rect of this to inform us to whom we shall deliver the wine here for you. -

Yr Obt. Servts

Mark ie

L.B. 4 Cases ea 50 Qt Bottles
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Peter Remsen & Co

L. Baldwin Esq

Dear Sir - above is a note addressed to each of the consignees of the C. M. Wine. It is sent to us merely for delivery & to receive the payt. for which a Bi of Exchange accompanied the Shipt. at 60 ds. sight. If you wish, we will hold it for you - or ship it to you in any way

you may direct - and also if it will be the least convenience to you in any way. we will accept the Bill for you - which you can arrange when perfectly convenient -

We wrote you on the 11th Inst. enclosing you our receipt for the cement $1710 - to which we refer -

We are Very Respectfully

yrs &c

Peter Remsen Mgr