Paris June 8th 1830

My dear Sir,

I wrote to you soon after my arrival, on the eighth of February last, and sent you at the same time Bachelier & Carilian Gœury's catalogues, that you might see what has been lately published, and command my services in case you wished to purchase any of the works there enumerated. I have not as yet received any letter from you, but I ~~am~~ hope and presume they reached you in safety.

I had then just been fortunate enough to gain admittance to the ecole des Ponts et chaussées, and as I am now inclined to think I arrived here just in time. Since then there have been some changes in the administration of this Department. The Direction generale des Ponts et Chaussées et des mines has been abolished, and a ministère des Travaux publics created in its place. New persons are introduced at the head of affairs, to whom I should have found it more difficult to obtain a recommendation. But now that I have once got footing there these changes will not affect me.

I have renewed acquaintance with a young man with whom

E. S. Stevens June 8, 1830

Col. Louis Baltzer
Charlestown
Mass.

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I was intimate when at school here during my former residence in Paris. He is a young man of remarkable talents and went through the Polytechnic School, and the Ponts et Chaussées with great honor. I find, as you told me, that young men are more communicative, and as he can fear no competition from me, I have derived from him a good deal of useful information.

I find myself growing more and more fond of the profession as I advance in it. I see more and more how wide a field it affords for the exercise of practical ingenuity and skill, while at the same time it enables you to calculate your results by theoretical investigation and to predict those results with certainty. I admire to see what difficulties, I might almost say what impossibilities, skilful engineers have overcome in their great works both here and in England. Next summer I shall spend if possible in travelling in order to examine any great works in the South of France which may be still going on. I shall try to go to Bordeaux. Every one speaks of the bridge built there by Deschamps as a most extraordinary work. He has not finished his description of it, which, as I understand is to be very full and complete, and partly historical, with an account of the other difficulties besides those of a physical nature, with which he had to contend.

The Inspecteur of the Ponts et Chaussées desired me to ask you what works on engineering have been published in America. Strickland's work I have seen here, but I am afraid we have had but little to boast of in this class of publications in our country.

I hope you will find a leisure moment in the midst of your occupations to write to me. In the mean while I beg you to believe me

with great regard, your friend,

C. S. Storrow.

BOSTON

Mr Eustache the chief engineer of this Department, is very civil to me. It was he & Mr de Prony who gave me letters to Mr Mauny, & they all offer to assist me as far as they can, so that I think I shall have an opportunity of using some practice in the profession before I return to America.

If I were to return a year from now or from this fall, I suppose I should be capable of earning my living, & it is what I want to do as soon as possible. Paris is not a very expensive place to live in, but yet I find that I must not stay here very long. I should be desirous of making a tour in England before returning but hardly see now how I could effect that object. I hope, however, to come to Europe again after having practised in America. You would oblige me greatly if you would let me know your opinion as to the best way of proceeding when I return to your side of the Atlantic. Are there any great works now beginning which will then be in activity? Will you yourself then be employed in any thing in which you might use my services as an assistant, for that I should like of all things. If you find leisure to write me something on this subject you will confer a great favor on me, and perhaps set my mind more at ease, for I want to have some prospect before me for when I return, that I may not begin by doing nothing. You see that I speak to you with some freedom, but the interest you are kind enough to take in me emboldens me so to do.

I beg you to believe me, with great respect
your friend
C. S. Storrow

Paris July 23d 1830

My Dear Sir,

This letter goes to you by the Clematis for Boston, by which vessel I have sent out a case of books directed to the care of Timothy Williams Esqr according to your order. The invoice of the books my brother inclosed to this gentleman, advising him of the shipment. I purchased them of Carilian Goeury who is the publisher of the greater part of them, having found by the different prices of several booksellers that he would furnish them cheaper than any other. He made me a discount of 15 % in the hope that I should take all my own books from him, and that I should go to him in preference to another for books on the profession which I might have occasion to purchase for other people. The case containing the books was covered with an oil cloth &c, to escape dampness. This is a more expensive way of packing, but with valuable works it is the most prudent and perhaps economical plan. My brother advanced the amount of the bill, and you can settle it either with my uncle Mr J. C. Brown if you are in Boston, or with my father in Newyork. Carilian Goeury was paid $509-75c My brother will send a note of this with the other expenses such as packing and carriage, to Newyork or to Boston.

Manestier's work on the steam boats of the U. S. I could obtain no disconut upon, and was even obliged to give thirty francs instead of the catalogue price which is 25 f. The edition is very nearly exhausted and has risen in price. You will notice that some of the works, for instance that of Cloquet, and the Dictionary of architecture, appear to have been used. They have been long out of print and the only copies now to be obtained come from libraries. The binding, though not handsome, is strong. At any rate they were not to be found unbound or otherwise bound. To the two memoires of Cordier on the canal between the Seine & the Marne, I added a third which has since appeared, by the same author on the same subject; and which is a continuation. I also send with the Souvenirs Polytechniques the appendix, which is of later publication. I can get only the four first volumes of Rondelets fine work, but will send the fifth when it is published. Some years ago all the French engineers agreed to join their forces, and form a collection of plans of the different works executed or examined by them. The result was, two large collections of lithographic plates, called Recueils des Ponts & Chaussés, which contain plans of all that is most interesting in this kingdom, with an account of many works in Holland & some in Italy. These collections are not published and cannot be procured at the booksellers, but they are obtained at the school of the Ponts & Chaussés as a favor, or by application to the Director general. I have it, and think it is a valuable work. If you desire it I will endeavor to procure it for you. I paid 72 f. for it. There are about 500 folio plates most of them briefly explained. If you wish me to send them to you this work I would suggest that the volumes had better be bound here. It can be done in strong half binding for about 15 f. and would cost much more in America.

About a month since I went to Trilport in the neighborhood of Meaux, to see a bridge which Mr Maury, a distinguished engineer, is constructing there. Mr Maury was extremely obliging and went with me himself to inspect every part of it, and explained whatever I wished to examine. The bridge is a very difficult work to construct. A stone bridge on the same spot was blown up in the time of the invasion in 1814 and the ruins encumber the river and prevent the driving in, of the piles for the foundation. The "culées" or parts of the bridge adjoining land (I don't know the English term) are still standing, and they must be used as they are, the new masonry being joined to them. Unless extreme care is taken, the arches nearest the land will lose the regularity of their form, as they settle after they are finished, since one part of them which has been long standing will not settle (tasser) any more. Add to this that the bridge crosses the river in an oblique direction and you see the engineer has a good deal to contend with. Mr Maury tells me, however, that the hardest thing of all is, to put up with the advice of a rich contractor, at whose expense the bridge is to be constructed, and who of course sometimes wishes at the expense of solidity and elegance, to save money, and says that he is often obliged to tell him that he has but one reputation & can't afford to lose it, and that he must either give up the bridge or finish it as he himself judges best. This moral difficulty is one which we probably often meet with in America.

Havana May 10th 1830

Dear Sir

Cleveland
Chronicle

So most persons whose time is so absorbed in important avocations as I know yours to be, some apology would seem to be necessary for encroaching on it, by calling your attention to a letter, whose only merit is to evince those grateful sentiments, with which, both Mrs. C. & myself are impressed, by your many civilities to us, as well as for those kind & paternal attentions you have shewn to our Son; but, with you, I am confident, none is necessary.—

In October next, Richard will have finished his third year in your office, & I have desired my brother George then to pay you $ 600, & in addition, whatever money you may have advanced to him. About that time, he will also have completed his twenty fifth year, a period when most young men, of even less sensibility than Richard possesses, find it painful, to be dependant on their fathers, for their support. As this is particularly, & it may be said, laudably, the case with my son, you will very naturally conceive of my desire to be informed relative to the proficiency he has made in acquiring a knowledge of his profession,— when his pupilage will cease, & what prospect there is of his getting employment after. In ordinary times, & in common pursuits, the introduction to business, of a young man who is dependant alone on his own resources, is attended with no inconsiderable difficulty; but, in the times in which we now live, & with the skill & experience, which his profession requires,

Rich.d F. Cleveland Esqr
Boston

Dft

Lemuel Baldwin Esqr.
Dry Goods Office
Charlestown
Massachusetts

Ship Brig Miller
Capt F Richmond

CHARLESTON S.C.
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there seems to be increased embarasments, which can be overcome, only, by the exhibition of superior talents, in the individual; by the aid of paternal wealth; or by the influence of powerful friends. Mr Richards pretensions to the first requisite, are modest, even humble; & as he is convinced of not possessing the second and third;- he will particularly require the friendly aid & countenance of his Preceptor, at the outset; to give him the proper impetus;- I therefore hope, that when his pupilage ceases, you will find it for your interest to give him some employment under you; as I am confident, he would prefer remaining with you, on such a salary as would be equal to paying his necessary expenses; to that of taking the chance of greater emolument elsewhere.

Since our residence here, Mrs C. & myself have been in the enjoy=ment of uninterrupted health. It remains to be seen how we shall be affected by a tropical summer;- but, viewing as we do, the approach of a vertical Sun, & its usual accompanyment, yellow fever, undismayed;- our chance of resisting their effects, is good in proportion.-

Mrs C. joins me in kind regards to yourself, to Mrs Baldwin and her daughters.-

I am Dear Sir
With great Respect
Yr most Obt Servt
P I Cleveland

Loammi Baldwin Esqr
Charlestown

Boston 20 April 1830

Dear Sir, I have sold the land in which you were jointly interested with Knott & myself at Alexandria & received the proceeds

Sales for $400. Deduct by your charges there remains $372 of which your share is $124. which I am ready to pay you.

Yours most truly,

Samuel Shaw.

Samuel Shaw. Esq. 20 1830

Samuel Baldwin Esq
Post Office
U.S. Navy Yard
Charlestown

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Charles

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Samuel Shaw

Oct 20 1870

Dear Sir

Please send me
Harpers Weekly
for 1871
Yours Truly
Samuel Clemens

P.S.B. April 8. 1830

Baltimore Esqre
Engineer of the Dry Dock
Norfolk
Virginia

Boston April 8 1830 (Fast Day)

Dear Brother RR

I duly rec'd yours of 24 ult[o] – Killcard & Gray have not rec'd any other Books than the Mechanics mag. – Repertory of Arts & Edinr. Phila. Journal & them in numbers have been sent some time

Your wife can tell you more about Bunker Hill Monument than I can – I take but little interest in that matter – Rail Roads are about as dull as Monuments – tis said a 1000 shares of 100 $ each have been subscribed for in the Brattleboro Rail Road – Mr Sweett says "I want to know who is to lay out the money before I subscribe – get you Brother to undertake it & we shall have something"

Mr Prentiss I expect will engage with an Iron Company at a water privilege on the Morris Canal in New Jersey this season & perhaps for several years; he has been & made the surveys &c – he will receive fr. a 1000 to 1500 $ per annum –

I have let the Farm to Woburn to Mr Hart again for 160 $ i e 20 less than last year – this I have done with the advice of A. Fay Josiah Fay & Oliver Coolidge – Oliver has set his place & had the means of knowing the value of ours I believe we could not have done better however low you may think this price is – Your Dry Dock have had a narrow escape — We are all pretty well George is at Woburn engaged at his Lathe –

I went by you house a few days since Woburn Gillies Grave but could not find it among your Books – can you tell who has it — we dont know –

I have annexed a memo. of our $ - & the sums paid for L B
I shall endeavour to pay the Bills now due before the vacation
is up which commences next Saturday & continues 2 weeks —
Hon. Wm C Jarvis has opened an office in Woburn in
a part of my New Stone which I built for Capt Martin
They talk of him for Representative this year in Woburn
I have this spring at my own expense set out 3 rows of Elm
trees on the 3 sides of Woburn Common with the
consent of the Town & advice of the Selectmen & they will
improve the appearance of things in that quarter —
As breakfast now is I think I shall leave
Ceasure per many pleasant meetings
this summer at Charlestown with you
If we all enjoy good health it will
be a blessing indeed — hoping to
see you early in May I remain affectionately
your Mother
S. T. Baldwin
Sarah, Clarissa & the Boys all send love to
you

Dr Loammi Baldwin in Ac with James T. Baldwin Cr

1820				1820	
Augt 20	To Cash	300.—		By am[t] due him per my note dated July 1 1819 & Interest	1019.08
	To my Amt for 40ft Sales of wood	4.—		By Sales of Wood. lot left unsold at the Auction	40.—
Nov 21	To Cash p[d] L B for oil &c to buy Lawrence's 100 borrowed money	3.—		1820	
" "	To Cash paid for 1 pair grey Pantaloons for L Baldwin in College	4.75		Jan[y] 4 By Cash of S L Pillsbury	90.—
Dec[r] 22	To Cash paid L B	3.25		March By Canal Dividend 2 Shares 28	16
" "	To Cash paid Term Bill	80.14			$ 1165.08
1820					
Jan[y] 9	To Cash & pay L B's washing Bill	7.00			
" 20	To Cash paid L B for wood & mending	5.—			
" 22	To Cash paid his wife	50.—			
Feb[y] 1	To Cash p[d] L B at College	7.—			
" 14	To Cash p[d] L B for oven shoes but not paid for	2.—			
15	To Fender for fire place in College	2.63			
25	To Cash paid Tem[s] of Williams	400.—			
26	To Cash p[d] L B sawing wood &c	2.—			
March 14	To L Baldwin pocket money & Stage Fare to Woburn	2.—			
27	To Cash paid for putting more feathers in to their pillows & Cutting Hair	0.50			
27	Cash p[d] Register of Probate for Copy of Inventory of Real Estate & Widow Dower in Estate	2.50			
	To Cash paid L. B. for funeral Expenses of his Aged male Cousin & for other things	3.—			
April 6	To Cash paid L B. for Vacation when going to Woburn	3.—			
	To Cash paid Rent for 1830	$ 681.77			

Sums paid to & for L B in this account

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L B has produced Cowden for 17.13 wood, washing &c
Pantaloon 4.75 L T B paid
Tender 2.63 Ditto
1st Term Bill 80.14 Ditto 104.65

leaving for Pocket money &c $ 18.62

1830
April 6 There is no due at Cambridge as per Bills L B has given me viz. 2 Term Bill 57.95

I have got of Milliam & Means on your account a new Black Coat & blk Pantaloons for Loammi which will last him all this year — they amount to about 31 Dollars & are unpaid

J. Marshall's Bill Oil, Tumblers Lanterns &c	3.80
Russell one shoe, Thin shoes mending	3.18
Allen Thin Frock Coat, Collars Ribbon, Cravat &c	7.68
Amt of Bills to be paid	$ 72.61
add Washing Bills say for last 2 years	5.—

J. F. B. Wilkins Boston March 15. 1830

Colonel Ballard
Colonel Eppes
Colonel
Norfolk
Virginia

P.P.

1830

Dear Brother

Boston March 15 1830

Your favor of the 7th Feby was duly received — We have heard so frequently from you by your wife that I have not written so soon as I otherwise should — We are all pretty well at present Samuel is gaining though slowly.

Mr Hunt declines taking the Woburn farm at 180 dolls & I must go up & see if I can let it any one else —

The Petitioners for the Rail road to Lowell refused a Charter unless they could have the exclusive privilege of building it — so that this project is suspended for the present — I cannot think however but that something will yet be done for there seems to be money enough that can be had to make it a feasible enterprise — The route Mr Hoyt and myself took is over Cambridge, up Mill Row by Watertown Mystic Pond & Horn Pond & across by Hungry plain & Cold Spring, Stone Mills & East foot of Fox hill &c — & we have since passed agreeing towns & examined the maps of the several Towns &c & returned to the Secretarys office so that a map of the State can be formed from them. —

I have loaned Mr Williams 400 dollars on your account which is endorsed as he says on my note — I did not pay your wife the 200 $ which you authorized me to, because she did not want it — I think you may buy you a home pretty low this summer for rents are falling — I expect to get the house for another year at 400 $ which I have letter to send 500 for. — George is at Woburn & is quite well Cyrus & Betsy expect him in a few days on a visit —

Harriet is with us & is very well. The Boys are at school now get

Judge Sherman Leland will not be disturbed till June
Spicer if he is then — The Brighton Bank management
will probably injure him a good deal whether in or out
of Office — The Legislature adjourned last Saturday 13th —
Josiah Penn Esq of Baldwin died in Paris aged 73. —
I have seen a very good Map of Virginia with a
View of the University of Virginia as a Vignette
If these views are to be had separate from the Map I
should like one — I hope you will be at
home before a great while that we may have
some social meetings again —
New Hampshire seems the state on the vote
of the present administration — In the Senate
of the U States the Starboard Q. seems to have
got on to the Larboard side &
Business is quite dull this way & there appears
to be but little or nothing to do —
George has made a very neat plan of the Canal for
you & I want to help him make some more surveys
in Woburn that on to it & can get an opportunity —
I have my Father Canal papers here, most of them,
but I make but little progress in the selection &
Sarah sends her love to you & the children with
to be remembered also — Was feel much gratified by
your kindness hitherto — Your affectionate Brother
S Baldwin

Your wife came home from Leominster last week
Was all well & sister Lida —

16 March (morning) remember us all to him. I have just seen Mr L. Williams he says no news

Dr

Samuel Ballester Esqr

Engineer

Mohawk R

Recd 1 Feb. 1830

Ans. Feb. 14.

F. B. Feb. 1 1830

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Dr Boston

Boston Feby 1st 1830

I rec'd yours of 24th ult today — I had paid your wife 50 ℔ & offered her more if she want so you need not be uneasy about your affairs in this respect. I have money now in the bank which I can spare for her or you if it is wanted

Cyrus came in from Chelmsford today & reports all well at home — Lowanna took tea with us to night he is well — George is well & is engaged with his Lathe at Woburn — Clarissa is with us — Eve Holmes has spent several days & nights with us & you wife spent the day here on Friday or Saturday —

Samuel is getting better slowly — Dr Warren said to day he did not think he should come again to see him — The babe has been ill with a cough & cold but is improving — I have been constantly engaged at home for the last fortnight & the Canal papers have not had much clusting yet — I can do nothing while the children are sick — Canal Dividend this Day declared is 8 Dollars a Share —

I have therefore that your wife gave you weekly accounts of us & therefore have not wrote to you so often as I otherwise should I wrote Cash twenty min of you what you would do with the Woburn Farm as we want to know whether he shall stay on it or not - Dr Beechers Church in Hanover Street burnt down last night supposed to have taken fire from the furnace flue — Rail Road bill is lost - 283 to 160 - majority vs it - 123 !!! —

Isaac Rebelle Esq died on Friday last

Shall be pleased to see the marble Hats when they arrive -

Yours & J F Baldwin

I saw Mr Tim Henry Williams last week at their Farm they were well Mr T. shew me your letter to him —

Sarah sends her love to you & thanks you for your kind remembrance of her & the Children - & says Catherine has been very kind & good to us -

Sarah & Catherine have had a Table about one Mary & Caroline & Ellen & Catherine say they shall have a drum & Ellen she will provide a drum for him Catherine & Mr Williams are very fond of music

Dear Mother Boston Jan'y 22 1830

Our Little Samuel is quite sick with a Rheumatic complaint accompanied with a strong nervous affection which has kept me by his side since sunday last 17 inst. Dr Warren says his disorder is not dangerous but it will take some time to get rid of it — In other respect our family is pretty well except the weariness which Samuel occasions us

Your wife has been unwell but is now better as we understand Cyrus has been here for several days & has been quite useful in assisting us. Betsy is pretty well now - George is at Woburn making canal plans — Nothing is talked & known about the Plans at Woburn - I had not written you about it & could not give him much information - Told him I would write & inquire of you respecting the letters for Mass again to him

He says that he would take it for 3 years but could not afford to give more than 150 ℔ a year — what he would give for the next year I dont know - perhaps he would stay another year for 150 being the same rent as last year but of this I am not certain - If you have any particular or fixed sum for the rent of the Mass I will tell him what it is

He told me he had paid George all that was due -

I have rec'd from S.L. Pitkin 90 ℔ interest for you — I sent you a few days since some Rail road reports — Our Legislature are discussing the Rail Road project how it will terminate I dont know -

Your affectionately J. F. Baldwin

P.S. Since writing the above Dear has been over & says Mrs Baldwin is quite well to day - she sent to me for 50 ℔ which I sent her by Dear

Samuel F. Baldwin, Jun. 22. 1830

Capt. Eph. Ill.

Samuel Baldwin Esqr
Eng. near
Norfolk
Virginia

1830

J. Williams Jan. 19. 1830
Rec. Feb. 14

Boston Jany. 19. 1830.

Dear Brother J.

Your favor of 3d came in due course, and I am happy in your remembrance of me in this way.

I am sorry you have had an inflammation of your face and eyes — you can ill afford to be without the latter in a sound state — You must live abstemiously.

I read Mr Kendall's report, & his notice of your Salary &c. When new people come into office, they must talk of the extravagance and abuses of their predecessors.

I have been less pleased with the report of the Navy Commissioners than with almost any thing: to talk of breaking up some of the old establishments among the hewers at R Island! To talk about the "fogs", and "snow storms" of Boston! It is all sickening. Mr Keenan has shipped your wine, & when it arrives I will take care of it.

Our Supreme Court were divided on the Warren Bridge Cause: Morton & Wilde in favor; Parker & Putnam against. I suppose they are most correct. —

Last sunday O. C. Wyman suspended himself by a cord in his office, and thus ended his mortal career. Poverty, & ebriety, (that easily besetting vice) no doubt helped to produce this catastrophe. — He was esteemed and respected. A few years since,

Your matter has been proptimably mild as ours, you must have green peas soon. —

Owing to the many Banks here — the fallacy of business, money on sometime has been worth but 5 o/o: now indeed it can be had at 4½ on good paper. I shall not therefore be able to allow you 6; but I will employ your funds as well as I am, more careful to avoid bad debts than to obtain high interest.

Write me as often as you can, and believe me Yrs J. Williams.