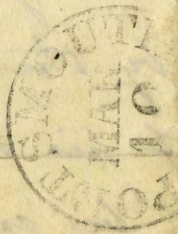


Loammi Baldwin Esq.

Charlestown

Massachusetts



March 9. 1834

W. P. S. Sanger. March 9. 1834.
With bill of lading.



Wag By Rock

SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by Wm P. S. Sanger
on board the Brig called the Norfolk
whereof Capt Matthews is Master, now lying in the Port of
Norfolk and bound for Boston To say:

5 Boxes marked 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5 & directed to
L. Baldwin. 2 Barrels. 2 Hams. 2 Trunks.
1 Chest marked B. F. Perham. 1 small Box and
1 Leather Case marked L. Baldwin

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like order
and condition, at the Port of Boston (the dangers of the seas
only excepted) unto Loammi Baldwin or to his assigns,
he or they paying freight for the said goods. Four dollars

with ———— primage and average accustomed. In witness whereof, the Master
or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirmed to — 3 — Bills of Lading, all of this tenor
and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in Norfolk Va the 7th day of March — 1834

Richard Matthews

Reserved the above freight John Bray m^{ast}
for capt R. Matthews March the 11th

Portsmouth Va. March 9th 1834

Dear Sir

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

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

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

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

The repairs of the wharves are going on, the same as when you left, and the same men are employed. The roll is still called at the Office, but it is now called by Mr Boutwell from the Yard.

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

I shall be extremely happy to hear from you as soon and as often as convenient.

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

Loammi Baldwin Esq

Charleston
Mass

Most Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Wm D. Sanger

With great regard I am, My dear Sir
Sincerely Yours
Wm Campbell

Wm Campbell March 16, 1834
and office 13.

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Unfurnished
March 16
Colo Baldwin
Charleston
Map to

1834

Worana 16th Mar 1834

My dear Sir,
Your letter from Phila, written
the day after your disaster, reached me here.
You are aware, I am sure, ~~who~~ with what
feelings I read of your narrow escape.

Your letter I sent to my son-in-law
the first post after its receipt and he will
pay all attention to what you require
in regard to the Bank Check and
your message to Mr. Pomar.

I have been here since
Saturday (Yesterday) week attending to a
wrecked Brig I bought about two months
ago with the view of getting the copper &
iron out of her - or rather - I bid for
her at public sale without the least
intention of buying her - but as she fell

fell into my hands for \$100. I thought it would serve as an object for an excursion when I foresaw I would be idle in Norfolk - so here I have been working like two Niggers. - as for instance I was engaged from Thursday morning 8 o'clock till ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} 1/2 past two A.M. with a feeling of interest akin to that excited by the Chase ~~speeches~~.

I am fortunate in being in good quarters. Nothing like tavern about it, ^{quiet} - excellent fare well bred servants - bed room neat as possible. Mine hosts & hostess are really Gentlemen & Lady, so that on the whole I am very well off here - I brought a heap of newspapers, and at my leisure have been reading speeches and politics - more than I have done in five years I believe. -

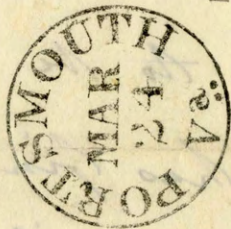
I beg the favor of you to let me hear from you, addressed to Norfolk. I hope
Your

Your letter will inform me that you have not suffered by your ducking & exertion at the time of your disaster on the Delaware. - Speaking of disasters - Mrs. Mamm's son Wm. who is in the counting-house of M. K. Scatter fell through the trap of W. Scatter's warehouse of the 3rd story to the bottom - He was not killed - wonder

= ful to tell -! Happily he had struck his head in his descent on a weighing beam, which, though it cut his head - yielding, broke his fall. It happened three days before I left Norfolk and he seemed to be doing well - tho' Dr. Selden said it would require two or three days more to determine whether he had sustained any permanent injury -

I beg you to present my Compliments and best wishes to Mrs. Baldwin & I hope the young ladies will receive the same from me though unknown to them.

Ed Samm Baldwin



Charleston

Massachusetts

1834

Wm T S Sanger
dry dock
disaster on
Wm. Penn

Wm T S Sanger March 23. 1834

My Dear Sir

Portsmouth Va March 23^d 1834

Dear Sir

I am requested by Com Warrington, to write to you for the purpose of obtaining two sprockett wheels and two coupling boxes for the chain pumps. The Com. wishes them sent on as soon as possible as we are unable to use the chain pump, which was broken. He is also about having a pattern made, for a pump box, different from those now in the pumps; these are to be cast at the Washington foundry. I am now making a plan for it, and intend to make the box, to pack, in the chamber and to apply the connecting rods to the box instead of the composition rod.

I was extremely sorry to hear of your unfortunate disaster on board of the William Penn. I hope however that you escaped without any serious personal injury.

As I presume it will be interesting to you to hear of the dock, I shall inform you of whatever happens while I remain here.

We had just got the dock empty and the floating gate in place, after taking out the grampus, when the Frigate Congress sprung a leak & it became necessary to dock her immediately.

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

The men are all mustered at the yard office by Mr King. Mr Foster was ordered to attend the peg board, this he refused to do & therefore quit the work.

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

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

Mr Hall has finished the Book of Plans and I shall send it by the next boat to Washington. It looks very well and I think will please you.

Col L. Baldwin
Charlestown
Mass.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Wm L. Sanger

Ed. Wainwright M. 2. 1034
Sun. Apr. 20.



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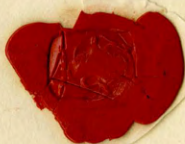
Wainwright

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Wainwright



Cedar Grove Co

April 2^d 34

My dear Sir

When I first heard
of your unfortunate accident it was so
doubtfully represented that I trusted it
would turn out to be only report but
since it has been corroborated by yourself
I have been too unwell to enable me to
express to you my regret for the loss you
sustained and my anxiety for your health
Indeed to go further into the truth I
have been daily expecting to hear from
you which I shall continue in the hope
of doing so too you know must take great
interest in all that concerns you therefore
hope in the community to be viewed as your
friend I can well conceive of the loss
you have sustained in your papers your
Journal particularly your drawings too were
they with you? I fear so Mr. Baldwin I hope

May 2, 1834

Dear Sir,
I am informed that Benjamin Gorham has left the surveying party, to which he was attached, and declines to rejoin it. As his father left Benjamin somewhat to my care during his absence, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject. I should be happy to communicate with you by letter, or if you

Dr. J. S. Gorham May 2, 1834
Albany New York.

PAID
Dr. J. S. Gorham

Charleston,
Mass.



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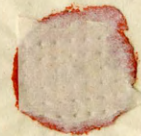
Samuel Baldwin Esq.

Charleston.

1834

Severett Salmonstall

(read)



Severett Salmonstall May 19. 1834
Rec. May 20
Ans. 21

Sam May 19. 1834.
My Dear Sir,

The jury returned a verdict for the defendants, in the case of Cheever against the Sal. Turnpike Corporation. It was a righteous decision of which there can be no doubt, whenever a jury are for a corporation ~~where~~ in an action of an individual against them.

I wish to get the costs taxed, I will thank you to send me by mail a certificate that you "travell'd from Charleston to Smiths & attended court one day, at the May Term 1834, as a witness for the defendants in the action of Joseph Cheever against The Salmon Turnpike & the New Bridge Corporation". I felt much obliged by your attendance, & my clients will be happy to compensate you

for your valuable services. In good
enough to drop me a line & mention
the amount of your charge or what will
satisfy you, & I will immediately re-
mit the money to you -

Yours very truly
Lewitt H. Sutton Hall.

Received of Lewitt H. Sutton Hall \$10.00

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Commissioners may proceed to fill the vacancy or may proceed without a third, if they shall elect so to do.

9th The commissioners to be one lawyer, now named as chairman & two scientific men, one to be elected by each party subject to the negative of the other party; in case the chairman be or become unable to act, the counsel of the parties may substitute another to take his place permanently or for the exigency, as they shall see fit; and if the counsel of either party shall neglect to act upon the subject, after notice as aforesaid the counsel of the other party alone may appoint such substitute.

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Outline of an Agreement &c.

- 1st That commissioners may determine the quantities of water to which the said Gray is entitled, according to the meaning of the lease made to him by the said Corporation & the manner in which the same shall be measured and delivered.
- 2nd Also to determine the ~~present~~ legal rights of the parties under the lease.
- 3rd Also to determine whether said Gray has or has not had at all times the full use of the powers to him granted, and whether he had at any and what times enjoyed greater powers than were leased to him and to state as nearly as possible any such deficiencies or excesses & the causes thereof as nearly as the same can be ascertained; the report to embrace the whole period from the date of the lease up to that of the award & to decide for what portions & periods of such deficiencies or excesses either party may have a legal claim against the other. Provided however that neither party shall be debared by reason of this submission from any defense before the commissioners which he might have in any suit at law or in

equity, to the claim of the other party, for such deficiency or excess.

4th The Commissioners to have full power to employ Engineers & Agents and other servants as they shall see fit.

5th The said Corporations are not to use nor lease any more powers nor make nor license any encroachments upon either of said basins without first submitting the right or propriety of so doing to the Commissioners after due notice to Mr Gray; & the decision of the Commissioners shall be conclusive until the final award shall have been made or until they shall otherwise order.

And if the Commissioners shall find as a determinate fact, after hearing the parties, that Mr Gray or his assigns have not at all times the quantity of water that they are entitled to have under the lease; the Commissioners if they see fit shall on application prescribe to what extent the Corporation, not including present Leases, may draw at such times so as to preserve to said Gray, or those claiming under his Lease their full powers or as near thereto as may be, and such prescription or direction shall be binding until the final award or until

further orders by said Commissioners. —

6th The award of the Commissioners to be conclusive between the parties, & whatever the Commissioners award shall be specifically performed by either party.

7th This reference is not to affect in any way the rights of either party as against third persons it being understood however, that the Boston Iron Company is to become a party to this reference, & that all other persons claiming under the ^{said} lease to Horace Gray, except Messrs. Lyman & Walston, are to be considered as represented by him.

8th The Commissioners shall determine what portion of the expenses of the experiments exclusive of their compensation shall be borne by each party. The charges of reference to be paid equally by both parties, Commissioners to be notified by joint letters. If either Commissioner refuse or become unable to proceed, the party by whom he was nominated shall within ten days after notice thereof nominate another Commissioner subject to the negative of the other party, as below to be made within three days & upon neglect to make such nomination of a new Commissioner who shall accept the appointment, the remaining

Portsmouth June 3rd 1834

My friend

Dear Sir

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

I was truly gratified to hear that the Secretary of the Navy is finally satisfied and convinced of the propriety of reengaging you as Engineer of the different yards. All your friends here participate with you, in the grati-

Wm. J. Sanger. June 3. 1834
Received June 20. 1834

Massachusetts

Charlestown

Commi Baldwin Esq



-fication, which you must derive from this appli-
-cation, after being so much slighted and neglec-
-ted by the department.

I shall proceed to answer the queries
in your last. The high tide in April, was
28 feet above Mire Lill. The Dock and every thing
about it, stood the storm precisely as in duty
bound to do. I have never discovered any thing
like failure in any part of the work. Several
attempts have been made, to take the water out
of the coffer dam in the yard, but they have
all proved fruitless. The old congrup has
been condemned and cut to pieces and the Dock
is now in a pretty pickle. The floor is covered
with the dirt which has collected, in separating
the members of the congrup, and the coping and
pavement are so lumbered up with knees, beams,
and old timber that it is almost impossible
to get round the Dock with safety. The remains
of the old Macedonia are to be taken into the
Dock in a few days, where they will be cut up.

The pump box has been received from Messrs Lurell
Perkins & Co, but we have not yet heard any
thing of the S-pocket wheel and coupling box.

All at the Dock desire to be remembered by you,
and wish for nothing, so much, as to be again under
your direction.

L. Baldwin Esq.

Boston
Mass.

With the greatest regard
I remain Your Obedt Servt
Wm D. S. Sanger

Dear Colonel

Gosport Navy Yard June 16th - 34

Your two letters have been duly received al-
-tho' the latter has been some time unacknowledged
I am very much obliged to you for the glass, which I recei-
-ved the other day in good order, and can only say that Madame
is highly delighted at its beauty & exactness - I am sorry you
have not been retained as the Engineer for our several yards,
and am sure, the Com: of the Nav: would have evinced their
usual liberality, if they had been competent. I doubt very much
the usefulness of the offices at present constituted, altho'
I know by experience, the benefits to be derived by the navy from
it. We have as you may have seen a navy bill or two in
the Ho: of Rep: for an increase of pay, a revision of the act
of Cong: for our government of us; but if they could by legisla-
-tion restore its discipline & invigorate its moral cha-
-racter, it would be of more consequence - We have just
finished healing up the poor old Congress in the dock, and
are about to take ⁱⁿ the old Maudslayi for a similar pur-
-pose, & also the Maud machine to copper it, as the worms
will perforate it otherwise. All stands well about the dock,
and the wharves are nearly finished. Mr. Sanger gets on very
well and is quite useful to me. Norfolk looks so dull & is
as listless now, as when you first came here, & many long
faces are to be seen. Be pleased to make my respects to
Mrs Baldwin & believe me to be your very
respectful friend
I suppose you rarely visit the Navy Yard
or the figure head -

Wm. Armstrong

Com. Warrington June 14 1834

Ans. June 30.

Baldwin Esq
Civil Engineer

Charles Town



1834

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land for the purpose of building a new school house for the use of the colored children of the city of New York. I am very much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in this matter, and I am sure that the Board of Education will be very anxious to do all in its power to promote the welfare of the colored community. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. Thompson
 Secretary of the Board of Education

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May 27th 1834Portsmouth Va June 15th 1834

Dear Sir

Yours of May 26th was received a few days after I had written my last. We are now almost at a stand for work; there is nothing of any consequence doing in the yard; there are only about twenty carpenters a work.

The Dock is once more cleaned out and in good order. Since the Dock has been idle, we have had a general clean up, all the capstans have been blacked, the floating gate painted and a very nice awning made for it, in order to protect it from the hot sun and rains. All the pumps in the gate are in good order and work very well. They are fitted up with two iron brakes, each brake working two pumps, and I think the water may be pumped out so as to float the gate out of its place, in one and a half hours.

Tom Warrington got an iron pump made for the well at the entrance of the dock, and we shall put it up in a few days. He is about to sink one of the old wells in the yard, in order if possible to get the same water as that at the Dock. The Copper Dam in the Yard, remains as usual (full of water.)

Wm D. J. Langston June 15. 1834

James Baldwin Esq.

Charleston

Massachusetts

1834



They have abandoned the idea of driving piles for a foundation for the wall, and are now building a large float or platform of timber; this float is to be placed in a proper position and the stone work built upon it and thus sunk to its place. I expect they will ~~meet~~ with a great deal of trouble before the wall is completed. Several attempts have been made to raise the remains of the old Macedonia but they have not yet been successful. I believe she is sunk seven or eight feet in the mud.

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

from the one which he now occupies. There are several faults in the prints, but I think he deserves some credit for the work.

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

The weather has generally, been very cool this spring, but last week we had a touch of summer, the thermometer for three days being 97° , 95° , 95° at 12 o'clock in the office. Since those days we have had November weather. Tom Warrington has received his glass and is extremely obliged to you.

I remain with the greatest

Your old friend

Wm L. Sanger

L. Baldwin Esq

Charlestown

Mass.