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Dear Dr. Banks:

I understand that the National Library purchased the two-page report of the Executive Committee of the Constitutional Association of Montreal from David Ewens (copy enclosed).

I would like to order a photocopy of the item and would be pleased to pay your costs.

Yours very truly,

Sheldon J. Godfrey.
Encl.

study of the life of Kriehoff, containing biographical information, a catalogue of numerous fine illustrations of his work. The original dust-jacket are very scarce.

GLER AND THE ART LOVER

AM H. Brown Waters... Illustrations by Toronto, Macmillan, 1940. 7 p.1., 168 cloth with the original illustrated dust-jacket, 8 coloured plates after Clarence Gagnon, extremities of the dust-jacket, fine condition. \$400.00
copies, this is one of only three books that by Clarence Gagnon.

MARCOTTE. L'Indicateur de Quebec & Levis Directory containing alphabetically the citizens of Quebec and Levis; a list of parishes around that city; also miscellaneous indicators 1892-93... Quebec, L.J. Demers 1905,[1]p.; 8vo, original printed boards, \$150.00

AMERICAN GUIDE BOOK. The British Empire: Being a condensed gazetteer, directory of the Western States, and principal cities on the Atlantic Coast. Part I. Upper and Lower Canada. Part II. The United States. Part III. The United States. Part IV. Things to See. First Edition. New York, H. Bailliere... London... [1859] 3 p., 1.(ads.), [3]-10, 94[2]p.; 8vo, original cloth, binding bit faded, many illus., very good. \$250.00
copy J. Morgan's copy with his signature. Each of Part II, and some of Part IV relate

WARD MORTON. Lanark Legacy, Impulses of an Ontario County. Perth, Ontario of Lanark [1984] 290 p., 4to, original, many illus., maps, fine. \$20.00

MABEL. The Story of Hamilton. Toronto, [n.d.] 1938. 183 p., 8vo, original, stiff binding, many illus., fine. \$45.00

SHIP LINES. Souvenir Song Book. Toronto, [n.d., ca. 1928] 48,[2]p., 32mo, original, many illus., fine. (At Head: Canada Steamship Navigation Division.) \$25.00

S. Far Horizons. Toronto, McClelland & Stewart, 1911. 1 l., 85[1]p., 8vo, original cloth, dust-jacket, otherwise good. \$25.00

cracking, ex-library, else good. \$75.00

No Canadian References Located. Second edition. Dondonald served as a lieutenant on the North American Station, 1796-98, and was Commander-in-Chief on the North American Station in 1848. He wrote "Notes on the Mineralogy, Government and Condition of the British West Indian Islands and North-American Maritime Colonies..." (London, 1851). Cf. TPL & O'Dea.

This copy from the library of George Taylor Denison, with his signature on the title.

RARE CIRCULAR PROMOTING THE UNION OF UPPER AND LOWER CANADA

70. CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL. Constitutional Association of Montreal. Annual General Meeting... 31st December, 1838... Report of the Executive Committee.. [Montreal, 1838] 2 p., folio, caption-title, integral blank leaf (loose), printed in 3 columns, fine. \$1,250.00

No References Located. The Constitutional Association of Montreal was formed in 1834, by leading merchants in the city (e.g. Peter McGill, John Redpath, George Moffatt, John & David Torrance, John & William Molson, Benjamin Hart, etc.), to promote business and Tory interests in the Province. This executive report condemns the actions of the Legislature during the Rebellion of 1837; reviews the projects of the Association (the Moffatt-Badgley deputation to England; communications with the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada; deputation to Lord Durham; and proposals to secure the English school system in the Province); and, strongly urges the constitutional union of Upper and Lower Canada in order to secure a British majority while still maintaining a representative form of government. The importance of the views of this association is readily demonstrated by the fact that most of their recommendations were incorporated into Lord Durham's Report and indeed enacted three years later in the Act of Union of 1841.

This particular copy is of special interest as an association copy as the blank leaf at the end bears the hand stamp of the estate of John Redpath, one of the principal members of the Constitutional Association of Montreal.

71. DAWSON, AENEAS MACDONELL. Farewell to His Excellency the Governor General. Ottawa, May 1888. Broadside poem, 20.8 x 33.9 cm. overall, very good condition. \$150.00

No References Located. A farewell poem to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada.

72. [DAWSON, AENEAS MACDONELL] "In Defence." St. Andrew's Day, 1868. [By Historicus] [Pseud.] [Ottawa? 1868] [3]p., 4to, caption-title, removed from bound volume, repairs to tear and gutter, otherwise very good. \$150.00

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David Ewens Catalogue #21
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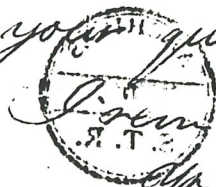


Dear Uncle

Frances received yours and mentioned to me that you had not received an answer to your letter containing the drafts. I assure you I acknowledge the receipt of it two days after Papa got it - Cotterell & Co accepted them but the rest did not. I have sued Wishart - he lives at Lachine - as also Jackson who is going to allow it to be carried on I can let your house for 10 years if you will consent to build a shed to hold a horse & allow payable monthly in advance - at the rate of £24 - If not I can let it for 5 years for good security at £22.10 - If this will suit you I will be obliged to you for an answer. I cannot find out where Hughes lives - Williams will pay me when he comes back from Lachine - he has been there for a week
Ashes @ 25% @ 26/- Pearls 27/6 - Hay \$ 9 @ 9 1/2 Sticks
\$ 3 1/2 - Flour 30/- Oats 2/3 - Wheat 5/5 @ 5/10 -

Nothing new —

Waiting your quick reply —



Yr affectionate nephew

Henry Hart

KB — Papa has been for the last 2 Weeks at York
in U. Canada — we expect him back in about a
week He likes the place very much and says it
is very much like Boston & Philadelphia — the boys
were highly delighted to see him — I thought we were
to have the honor of your company —
to ~~York~~ — the End of January —

H. Hart



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W. Hunt
18 Jan 1833

~~W. Hunt
18
March
1833~~

Mrs Hunt Esq
Three Rivers
D.C.



To w^o 12 Sep^r 1838.

W. L. Whitney Esq^r
Detroit

Dear Sir

At the request of
our Mr J. Hart, we beg to Enclose
you, J. H. Van Every's note \$145.8.1
@ 6 Mos^o fr^o Feby. 1836. he is now
residing, we are informed, at Toledo
in Michigan; we would feel
particularly obliged by your
doing the needful, to recover the
amount if possible.

Yrs truly
Hart & Co

Benjamin Hart
~~John~~
Arthur Wellington Hart

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MS/ James Joy Papers

Montreal Sept 29 1823



Dear Moses

finding unfortunately that Benny has lost the suit and the lawyers urgent for his appealing, which if possible I wish to prevent, as our Family is too large to feed lawyers with our substance. it is bad enough at present. I wish you to exert yourself and as the ^{Brother} Eldest settle this Business before it goes farther and the good you may do in this case may in a future day be returned to your Family. you know Bennys circumstances sufficiently to be well assured that this is distressing him very much but all we can do now is to finish the affair as soon as possible. I wish you to see Eschier and request him to meet you privately and to follow his own inclination and not led by any one. I am well convinced this Business would never have gone so far if he had have had his own way. some Months ago Benny told me if he gained the suit, he should immediately settle with Eschier on the following terms. that he should return him the Mortgage of £65 or allow the same settle his small account of 5-2-8. and to receive Hughes's note for 72-10 due the first of May otherways to except ^{a transfer} Elliot debt due on the sale. now try if possible to get him to accede to the same. and finish this Business also write Benny that you think he will do wrong in appealing. - if he should lose it there and have is uncer

tain at best it will be £60 costs more to pay. I have said all
I could to him today but he will not hear me. He thinks him-
self very much injured. The lawyers here say that the
Judges had no right to allow his filing a paper after the
Proof were closed. and that the Judgement must be
reversed in the appeal. as the Judgement is given against
all law. I wish you would ^{see} ~~send~~ for me copy of the
Judgement. and make out the amount from it. I can
not tell you how it distresses me. Benny has not slept
a night since his return from Three Rivers. and he is
appraid that his old complaint is coming on again if
God helps us - you would be surprisid to see the changes
in him. very dull times he sales and servittances to be
made. do not neglect this but write him and arrange
with the Bytical immediately before he can appeal it. Answer this
as soon possible. with love to Sally and the Family
believe yours Affectionately
Harriet & Gant

made with

5th Shirts

Moses Smith

Three Rivers



Sept 29

1823

Sept 29



Dear Mrs

Sunday next is the day appointed for our funeral
services with Rev. Mr. Galt - and I hope I shall have
the pleasure of your company at the ceremony - The is to be
conducted at 7 o'clock in the evening -

Believe me Affectionately Yours
Francis S. Galt

Dear Sir

Friday Evening
December 7th 1844

Edw. Ward
7 Dec 1844





Montreal Feb 21st - 1833

Dear Moses

I received your letter and immediately inquired of Benny concerning your Bank notes he said he had written you about ^{them} however they were sold to Molson and Badgley for six shillings profit. that was the highest could be got. They were put in the Bank to Bennys credit and you can draw for the amount which is thirty pounds six shillings which you can draw for. The Note of Gardners was put in the Bank for collection and as nothing has transpired since suppose it is paid. - None of the drafts were paid with the exception of bothwell, who has accepted his draft Jackson has been sued for both the draft and acceptance. Benny will be home tomorrow evening when he will write you fully. Benny cannot let the house unless you will erect a shed. the Man would have paid you half yearly in advance or give you necessary security, and would have taken it for a lease of five or ten years. I shall see Aaron and he shall write you himself. you mention in your letter to Frances Bennys neglecting to answer your

he has been away for three weeks. Henry says when he is
at home he answered the letters he received. Give my love
to Louisa and Auali

and believe Affectionately yours
Harriet J. Hart



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Harriet J. Hart

Feb 1833

NOTICE.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the Firm of

A. W. HART, & Co.

is this day dissolved, by mutual consent.

BENJAMIN HART.

ARTHUR W. HART.

September 1st, 1833.

The business heretofore carried on by *A. W. Hart, & Co.* will be continued by the undersigned, under the same Firm.

BENJAMIN HART,

ARTHUR W. HART,

THEODORE HART.

September 1st, 1833.

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Toronto 2nd May 1841

Dear Uncle

As I have taken it into my head to study Law in Upper Canada, & as I find it is necessary to have £100 before I can be admitted into any office here, I should feel very grateful to you, if you would loan me that sum until I come to the bar when it shall be paid up with interest. I have written Father I am going to study here but did not mention the ^{sum} to him thinking that an answer from you would be first requisite

Yours affectionately
Henry Hat

Henry Hat



1890
2 May 1894



Ben Hart's Education

C [NO. 24]

Providence, 15th September, 1789.

Sir:

We should have addressed Colonel Revere before this time on the subject of his letter, but as there are a number of proprietors to the furnace, and one of them, Capt. [Rufus] Hopkins, resides 12 miles from town, we cannot always obtain their immediate opinion relative to any proposals for pig iron. In reply to yours of the 14th current, now say that there are no pigs of the quality which Colonel Revere wants. This information we received this day by Capt. Hopkins' son, who is [come] directly from the furnace.

With due esteem we are, sir,

Your obedient friends,
B. & B.

Mr. Moses M. Hays,
Boston.

No. 25 Aaron Hart and His Children—1790

Aaron Hart (1724–1800) came to New York in 1759 or 1760 as a sutler or quartermaster with the British army. He participated in the conquest of Canada and settled in Three Rivers on the St. Lawrence. There he engaged in the fur trade, acquired large tracts of land, operated a general store, and turned his hand to small-scale merchant shipping. At the time of his death he was the wealthiest Jew in Canada and probably the most important merchant of his city.

Hart had a number of sons and daughters and, like most successful and aggressive men, he kept a watchful and paternalistic eye on his family. Although he had lived in a French-speaking Roman Catholic village with few and sometimes no Jewish associates, Hart remained true to the faith and practices of his ancestors and was meticulous in his observance of the Passover. Thus it was that on March 28, 1790, he wrote to his oldest son, Moses (Mo) Hart (1768–1852), advising him to return to Three Rivers for the Passover holiday. Had Mo stayed at William Henry (Sorel) on the St. Lawrence, he would have had to remove all leaven from the house, a burdensome process.

The father also told his first-born that he had written to the United States to summon his younger sons, Benjamin, age eleven,

and Alexander, age eight, home for the summer. These boys were probably in Philadelphia, receiving a Jewish and general education, for Hart was determined to rear his children as Jews. The younger boys were to return home by way of New York, the Hudson Valley, and Lake Champlain. Mo would meet them near the lake, at Kingsbury probably, where Aaron's brother Harry was in business. With the children was Uriah Judah, a brother of Mrs. Hart. Judah served as an escort until Mo could assume charge of his younger brothers (Document A).

About June 20 the father wrote to Ben and Alex. The boys evidently had their own room in Philadelphia, but since they were returning home, their uncle was to sell the furniture and give the money to the boys. That the two boys had made progress in their Hebrew studies is shown by the fact that they had or were to receive Hebrew prayer books (Document B).

Because Hart's English is at times almost beyond comprehension, the letters printed below are followed by transcriptions into intelligible English.

SOURCE. Séminaire du Saint Joseph, Hart Papers.

A [NO. 25]

Dear Mo:

I se no way for you to keep *Pesah* at William Hanry thear fore you had batter come over hear the Sunday before than you neat not due any thing to your house to git the *hamez* out of your house. It will be at-tanted with no lass as its all holy dayes that people boy noting.

I have wrote to H. Judah and to Ben and Alex to sett of for New Yark the 1st of May next as I am determent to have tham hear. If you cane at any rate go across the lakes for tham I will pay all expence you may be at. As I hope you well not faile being hear *Pesah* than shall say more to you on that jurny. It well save you truble and expence of baking of *mazot* to come heur.

I had only one letter by December pachit of PES of 5th December. Noting new the full not than arrived haveng further to mention tell I se you and am d[ea]r Mo your loveng father

Aaron Hart

25th March.

[Paraphrase of Document A—No. 25]

Dear Mo:

I see no way for you to keep Passover at William Henry. Therefore, you had better come over here the Sunday before. Then you need not

Master Alex, I will send you some money and write to London for a set of prayer books, the same as Mo bought for Ben. I know you will mind your learning, and you always were a good boy. God bless you both, dear Ben and Alex.

Your loving father,
A. Hart

P.S. Pray write me by the first post. You will both write in one letter when you write by post.

No. 26 Jewish Life in Virginia—1791

Hyman Samuel, who married Rebecca Alexander, was a silversmith and watchmaker, living in Petersburg, Virginia, Baltimore, and Charleston, S.C. During the last decade of the eighteenth century Rebecca described Jewish life in Petersburg in two letters to her parents, who were then living in Hamburg, Germany. The Samuels, who were probably of German stock, had apparently spent some time in England, and looked with contempt upon the uncouth German Jews they found in this country.

Rebecca Samuel's letters are among the most significant that we possess for this period, inasmuch as they touch, albeit lightly, on the vital questions of anti-Jewish prejudice, acculturation, the religious education of children, the separation of church and state, the absence of craft guild restrictions, and the larger opportunities available in this country for the common man.

Mrs. Samuel writes of the tobacco trade, of which Petersburg was then a center. We know from other sources that Samuel Myers was then buying tobacco there for Stephen Girard of Philadelphia.

The two letters of Rebecca Samuel printed below were written in Yiddish. The first unfortunately is incomplete. The second, though not dated, was written probably within the same decade, for we know that the Samuels were still in Petersburg in 1792. By 1796 they had moved to Richmond.

SOURCE. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, the Henry Joseph Collection of Gratz Papers.

A [NO. 26]

Petersburg, January 12, 1791, Wednesday, 8th [7th?] Shebat, 555L

Dear and Worthy Parents:

I received your dear letter with much pleasure and therefrom under-

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do anything to your house to get the leaven out of your house. It [closing the store] will be attended with no loss, as it's all holydays when people buy nothing.

I have written to H. Judah and to Ben and Alex to set off for New York the 1st of May next, as I am determined to have them here. If you can, at any rate go across the lakes for them; I will pay all expenses you may be at. As I hope you will not fail being here Passover, shall then say more to you about that journey. It will save you trouble and expense of baking unleavened bread if you come here.

I had only one letter by the December packet from Phyn, Ellice & Co., of the 5th of December. Nothing new, the full [post?] had not then arrived. Having [nothing] further to mention until I see you, I am, dear Mo,

Your loving father,
Aaron Hart

28th March.

B [NO. 25]

Dear Benjamin and Alexander:

Your letters of 29th May I received last post it came by post not by ship. I can not say you write better than when you went frome hear I mean Ben. Whe ware all glade to hear you ware will and I hope you bote like the cangre[gation?]. Master Ben, you will let your unkill know what your g[rand]mother bought for you went to house keeping that them things may be sold. The money thay sell for is for you and Alex. Master Alex, I will send you some money and write to London for a set of prayers same as Mo bought for Ben. I know you will mind your larning and all wayes wase a good boy. God bless you both and dear Ben and Alex your laveng father,

A. Hart

Pray write me by first post you will both write in one lether when you write by post.

[Paraphrase of Document B—No. 25]

Dear Benjamin and Alexander:

Your letters of the 29th May I received last post. It came by post, not by ship. I cannot say that you write better than when you went from here. (I mean Ben.) We were all glad to hear you were well, and I hope you both like the congregation.

Master Ben, you will let your uncle know what your grandmother [Judah] bought for you when you went to housekeeping, in order that those things may be sold. The money they sell for is for you and Alex.

25th of Decemr 1792

Honord Parents

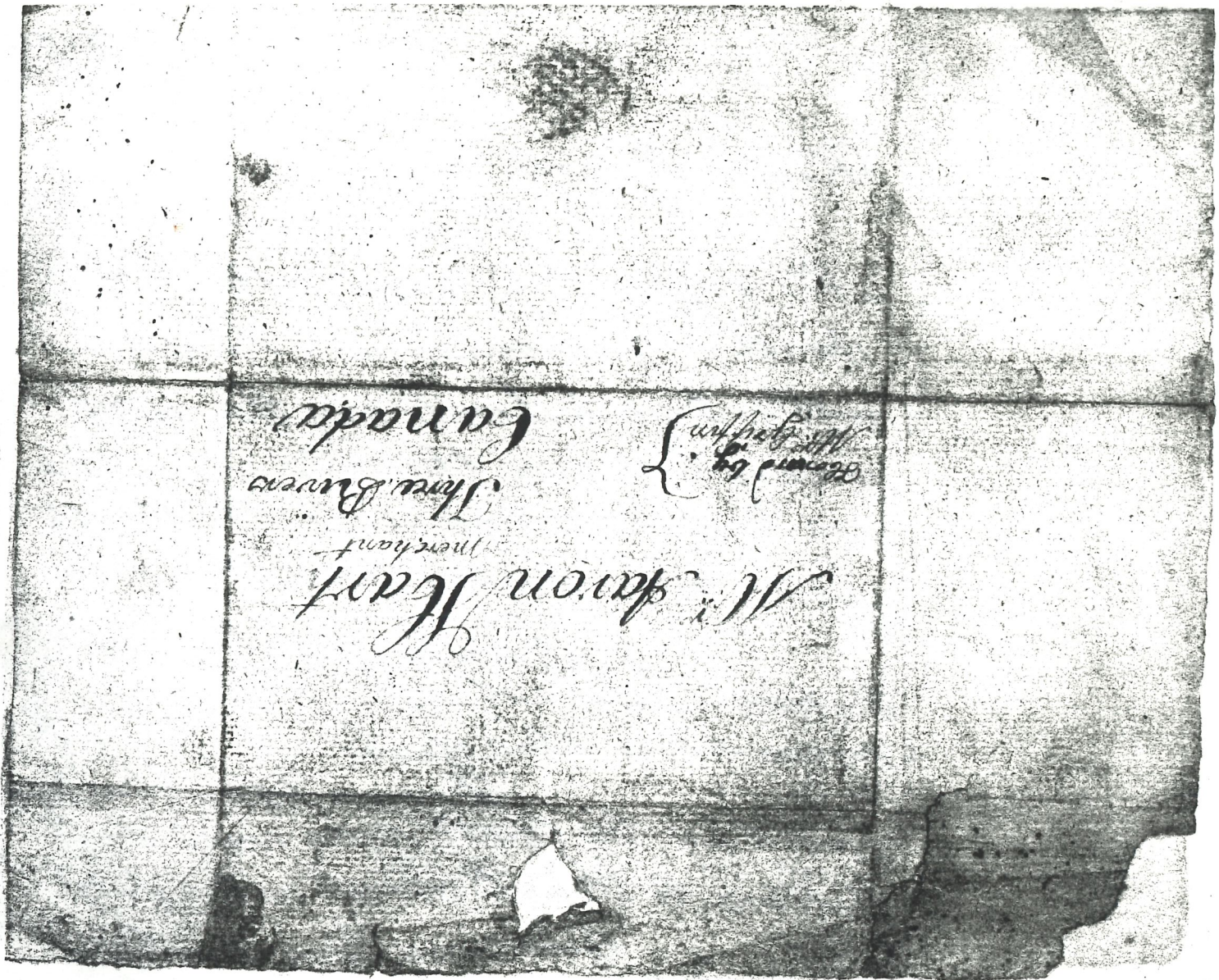
I received your letters by Mr Griffin & Stringer with the small Parcel. Grandmamma & Alexander is well. I wish I could say the same, I have a very bad sore throath since Thurs- day last but hope with the blessing of god to soon return to school again

I wish you all a merry Xmas. I do not expect to eat any more noses this year. I shall write you Monday by post. you will direct my letters to Pearl street as before

Give my Love to all my sis- ters and Brothers and shall write of them soon


my hand trembles
a very bad excuse
this

I remain Dear Parents
your Duty full son
B Hart



Benjamin Hart
Merchant
Shrewsbury
Canada

Benjamin Hart
P-18
Hart Family



Corrections made
typed S.S.

Sept 23/86

C O P Y

Aaron Hart, Three Rivers to Uriah Judah New York

13 June '93

Uriah Juday

Moses arrived hear Last friday with the Molincally news of the Loss of your Mother it wase news i did not Expeckt he also informd me that he Brought Benjamen and Alexander to you by Moses i allso find that Master Ben hase not made any Progeris in his larneng and Alex^r not much better & thay ware near 10 Months at new york i wrote to you i think in march last in answer to your letter to me that you ware going to new york in that Letter i Prayed that you should look over the manner of thear learning and change thear Masters if you find that those they go to doo not take the Proper Care of tham thats new. Our Ben is 14 year and full time he should no more than he dose I shall in first Place be glade to hear frome you by first Post for how much you cane find tham in Board Lodging and washing and mending in Second Place to git tham the Best master for English and hebrew if one are both Chosen to larn letters you will also Provide tham with a master to git tham Such Master eather in the College are privied master that will take Som Poinis to tich tham i Cane say no more on that till i hear frome you and the Boyes in the mean time i Beg you and Mrs. Judah will take Good Care of tham to Appear Clean and that Master Alex hase Bread and Butter that all he formely wanted and keep tham Clos to thear Learning.

The firs Day of may last i send a letter to Ben and Inclosing Wilem Jerrits not for B26-16-0 C^y allso a Power of Atorny for him to receive all the interest Due me by the United States for thear stock in hand i hope they have that Letter Power and note which pleas to let me know [space] if that Power will not answer Send me a Copy of one that will you'll git that money into your hands giving tham thear Pokit money out of it as soon as i have your Answer will Send you My Bill on London for thear Expences for Six month and so on Every Six Months [space] Moses hase Payed all tham that had any Demand on tham

Moses allso informd me that your Son harry came with him to Will^m Hanry for what Reason he did not Come hear whit him i am at a Loss [space] he also sayed that what the Poor auld women Left is of a varry Small Value and that she said all she left of hir own wase for kitty [space] he left his affacts with Mr. Saizes in Care of B. Hart you be so good as to look into the affare and let me no [space] Benjamen will i Dare let you have the Copy of the Acc^t do for me [space] Moses allso Left orders with Barney Hart that he shoud take any Letter for Benj Hart and open tham and Any Bills in tham to keep tham till he hears further frome me if the above mention Letter if Not Come to hand Pleas to write to him to let you know if he hase Received it and if he hase to Deliver it to you are your order.

13 June 93



5) Arrive Sunday

Moses arrived here last Friday with the Molineally news of the death of your Mother it was news I did not expect he also informed me that he brought Benjamin and Alexander to you. I find by Moses I also find that Master Ben has not made any progress in his learning and Alex. not much better so they were near 10 months at New York I wrote to you in March last in answer to your letter to me that you were going to New York in that letter I prayed that you should look over the manner of their learning and change their Master if you find that they are not to do do not take the proper care of them that new over Ben is 14 years ^{and} full time he should no more

be the case I shall in first place be glad to hear from you by first post for how much you can find them in Board Lodging and washing and mending in second place to get them the best Master for English and Hebrew if one are ^{both} to learn letters you will also provide them with a master to get them such Master either in the College are provided Master that will take some pains to teach them I can say more on that tell I hear from you and the Bayes in the mean time I beg ^{and Mrs. Sudas} you will take good care of them to appear clean and that Master Alex have Bread and Butter that all ^{be formerly} ~~wanted~~ and keep them clean their heads



the first Day of may last i send a Letter to Ben and ~~for~~
Anclasing wilm herrils not for £26 16 0 Hcy also a
Power of attorney for him to receive all the interest due me
by the United State for the said Stock i should i hope they
have that Letter Power and note whe ch Pleas to let me
know if that Power will not arived send me a copy
of it that will you get that money in to your hands
giving them the said Pakt money out of it as soon as
i have your Answer will send you my Bill on London
for the said Expences for Six month and so on every
Six Months Moses have payed all them that had
any Demand on them

Moses also informd me that your Son Harry came
with him to wilm Harry for what Reason he did not
come hear what him i am at a Loss he also sayed
that what ~~your~~ the Poor old women Left is of a very
Small Value and that she said all the left of his own
were for ~~money~~ ^{his} he left his affacts with M^r Surges
in Care of B Hard you be so good as to look into the
affare and let me no Benjamin will i dare let you
have the Carry of the acct too for me Moses also
left orders with Barry Hard that he should take any
Letter for Ben Hard and open them and any Bills in
them to keep them till he hears further from me
if the above mentioned Letter is Not come to hand Pleas
to write to him to let you know if he have Received it
and if he have to Deliver it to you are your order