Correspondence (Foote papers)
1812 - 1840

For Value Recd I promise to pay
Gottlieb Or Bearer Five Dollars Twenty five
Cents in the Month of Oct Next yours truly
Oct 11 1842 Hardware

S William Barlard

Wm.
Barlow
Note
$645

This may certify that Judson E. Bullong the Bearer is in our opinion qualified to teach a common english school and of a good moral character

Dated at Rutland this 1st day of February A.D. 1814

Jno. Lewis

William Brown
Ebenezer Mapes
Thos. Tacklin

School Instructors

Recommended
J. E. Bodley to
Mark Lincoln
A.D. 1812

Mayville 22 Novr 1812

Received of Jediah Prendergast Four Hundred and Forty five Dollars of Money, he received of Asa Hoag of Pittstown on My Bond against said Hoag.

William Pierce

Preserved for autograph
As a Pioneer Settler

Wm Barnes's
Receipt
$450.00
Dated 22 Novr 1812.

Warren County Penn.a November 20th 1820

Sir,

If your Salt has arrived you will Deliver to the Bearer John S. Wilson Two Barrels for me I will pay you on my return from New York

J. D. Wynes

J. E. Rudlong Merchant
James Town State of Oregon

Oder

Clerks office
Chautauque County ss

Sir, you are hereby notified that you are appointed one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County & that your Commission is now in my office

Yours
J. Dexter. Clk

E. T. Foot Esq.

Mayville July 13 1818

Elial T. Foote Esqr.

Jamestown

for Value Recd I promise to pay
Elisha Allen or Bearer the Sum of
three dollars twenty three cts in cash
at time & place Receive in Sheffin
Hamptown Oct 19 1819 John Owens

1 Shaving 1 Hour 38

John Flows
Pl. Notes
$325

Nov 16 1920
Rec'd one dollar forty cents 1.40

Jamestown 20 August 1814

Mr J. E. Buddery Sir Please to let the
Bearer have Thirty two Dollars & Ninety
seven cents in goods out of your Store &
I will account to you for the same at
hiring for Aulus Reid

James Post

Saved for autograph of early resident of Jamestown

James Post
order for Store

James Post
1819

Dear Sir I here enclose A petition for the Division of the town of Chautauqua I have not Sent you A map of the town I beleive that there was one sent to the legislative last winter you may find that perhaps if not you may find our town correctly marked out on Lays map of the holland purchase I think you will see some of those maps in the city of Albany if you cannot find one nor do the business without one please to write to me or to Darius Dexter immediately and let us know there is eight townships in our town and we are not asking for quite three of them in both of the new towns that we have petitioned for if you can get the town divided please inform us as soon as possible I beli[illegible] there is no opposition to the division [illegible] the town this year worth mentioning I have heard but one man oppose it in the town yours Respectfully

Chautauque January 24th 1820

Chas T Foot Esqr - Abijah Clarke

Elias

Abijah Clark

Letter on business
of Town Chautauqua
Division
Jan 24th 1820

Cayuga Feb. 4th 1820

Paid 55/

Elial T Foot Esqr
Albany
Newspaper 18¾

(In Assembly)

Lieutenant Governor
Invitation to Dinner
Feby 1820

Chas T. Foote Esq.
Albany

The **Lieutenant-Governor** *requests the Honor of*

Mr Foote's

Company at **Dinner**, *on* Friday *next, at* 3 *o'clock.*

Albany, 7th Feby 1820

The favor of an answer is requested.

Observe John Taylor was Lieut Gov.

To the Hon the council of appointment of the State of New York

We the subscribers would respectfully represent that we are on bail for Elisha Dudley late sheriff of this county & have been for more than a year past. That when we consented to become his bail we were informed and expected that we were to have only one year. That for certain reasons we feel ourselves unsafe & would therefore wish for an opportunity to discharge ourselves of the responsibility resting upon us. By an appointment of a new or the reappointment of Mr Dudley the present sheriff or another could be effected & of discharging ourselves from our present exposed situation; to the end therefore that we may be relieved & other bail procured we earnestly pray the hon the council of appointment a sheriff for this county as soon as they in their wisdom shall think proper. The urgency of the circumstances requires. A delay even for a short time would be peculiarly disagreeable and attended with very serious embarrassments, ground is with we have no indemnity whatever and can only therefore be relieved by the application to your patriotic humanity

Yours Respectfully

Jesse White
Thomas Bell
Joel Harrington
Daniel E. Lewis

Portland Chau Co March 18 1820

Crones bond writing

A true Copy

(A Copy)

Westfield Chau Co Jany 31st 1820

Sir Hart Esqr I was a Cad at school in Ch
ton at the time when you poured the 2d Ver portion
into old Foots brothers I lived in attica 1817. & was several
times in your store there on all the claims I have to a
acquaintance with you — I have endorsed to you
Forward one of your representatives petition for the
appointment of P. Comstock Esq of Jan County
the petition is supported by all the influential
of the county — Mr Comstock is one of the best
of men & is very popular at home & abroad and
formerly attached to the pres and administration Mr Dexter
the present Clerk is a young drunkard & has hostility
to the government & lord intrigues to build up a party
has made him almost amazingly odious in the
county he has no friends abroad I refer you to Mr
Forward Dort Foot our other representative has
heretofore been a warm political friend of Mr Dexter.
I tell that Dort Foote has worn out his right & the
question since he arrived in Albany I hope therefore he
will now forsake the sinking bark of his aspersion brother
or if he does not I assure you he is the only man of any standing
in this county which does not wish the appointment of Mr C
we have not more than 4 or 5 tom onies in the county they are boundless
[illegible] a very humble [illegible]

to the hon Council of Appointment Gentlemen the undersigned
inhabitants in the towns of the county of Chautauque would beg
leave to represent that Elisha Foster Esqr has held the
office of Shff of said county three years that his habits are very
irregular and his manner of doing his official business such as to
occasion great inconvenience very prejudicial to the interest
of foreign plaintiffs by reason of his inattention and long delays
in the collection of debts — for the reasons above stated and many
more which might be added — we are decidedly opposed
to the reappointment of Mr Foster as Sheriff of this county
we would therefore recommend to your notice and con
sideration Levant Barker Esqr as a suitable person to succeed
Dexter — faithfully the office of Sheriff of this county — Mr Barker
is a man of undoubted integrity of promptitude energy
and respectability a man deservedly popular in this
county — an honest man and a real friend & supporter
of the present state administration

Fby 9th 1820

John Crane
Thomas Bull
Mosely W Abell
Isaac Norman
Walter Smith
Cortlan Todd
Joseph Plumb
Thomas C Abell

(Plumb is his clerk
Lord courtesy I believe)

(A Copy)

Ludovic July 16th 1820

Sir enclosed is a communication for Lewis Barker Esq for the office of Sheriff of this county - Judge Cossing has written to the governor in favor of Mr Barker and Judge Orton who is now out of town & is expected will write by next courier mail - I do not know a man in the county in whom the people would so cordially unite as Mr Barker - he is a man of business of undoubted responsibility & strict integrity - Mr Foote is acquainted with Mr Barker & I presume is not acquainted with the certain peculiar habits of Duncan. This communication would have been forwarded at an earlier period but it was not then hoped that Mr Duncan's friends would have induced him to resign & by that means terminated the necessity of saying any thing on the subject of his character

Respectfully yr obt Servt

Joseph Plumb

Hon P. Hart

(A Copy)

The last paragraph on the other side of this letter was inclosed in the cover

Sheriff & Clerk appointment by Council 1820

1820

Fredonia March 21st in a letter from Joseph Plumb to Hon. Ira Jones he by request of Dr White one of Dunkirk's best request something may be done in modesty as White feels in hope — & Rev. Com. minds. Barker — Dr this is done without delay.

(A Copy)

To the Hon. the Council of Appointment of the State of New York — The undersigned inhabitants of the county of Chautauqua by leave to move unto your honorable body Thomas Blomfield Esq to the office of Clerk of this County. Mr Campbell is a man of the first respectability & uniform republican in principle & cordially attached to the present administration. The Dictate from present Clerk has held the office since 1808 & the wayward course of politics which he has pursued for the last 2 years has rendered him disagreeably obnoxious to the community generally. His removal from office & the appointment of Mr Campbell would not only meet the wishes of the inhabitants of this county but we believe would also be a popular measure in all the adjoining counties Chau Co Jany 25th 1820

I Cushing
D Gorsey
L Plott
I Crane
P Orton
L Barker
Jos Mullett
T. G. Abell
Jas Cary
M Simons
Colon Barnes
I White
I Frazier
I Fincher
M W Abell

(petition in Discons hand writing)

July 7th following persons are commended writing Dexter as a good man & to keep office from being removed Viz | D Corson | F Deming | Rowe | C P Upham A Potter John Fory | John M Mahon Brig Genl | J Houghton A Hewett Jr - Geo M Cunningham - A Lyon - A Lett B Evans - Geo Lowry —

July 15th 1820

The following persons pray the retention of Sheriff for his humanity & decent demeanor. has served only 2 years constitution allows 4 years —
- J Dexter - C. P. Upham - H Houghton Maj Pendergrass John Fory. A Lyon. J H Prior J Houghton Jos. P. Rogers Wm Smith Jun (petition in Prior hand writing)

G Seymour Canandaigua 31st July 1820 Letter to Hort recommends Doty honest industrious &c & refers for further information to J C Upham Esq

July 19th 1820

Dr Deming to Hort says he protests against Dexter removed & recommends the Deming removed & Doty's Appointment.

in a letter from V Southwood dated Dunkirk 21st July 1820 he recommends Doty highly for Sheriff. says it is understood Foster is against Doty's appt & although Mr F has been nominated for Sheriff he is not the person we want

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in a letter from Wm Dix Jun & Daniel Page to Hort they say they had had thoughts of having asked a Sheriff in their town but have relinquished it & recommend Doty

Hanover July 19th 1820 say Denny is unpopular & in town prisoner

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Letter to council 18th July from Dunkirk in D.G.Jr hand writing say Denny is unpopular growing worse daily no honest man in a sense of duty could advocate the appointment of Denny & recommend Doty

Pelladore Hudson (in G.Jr hand writing)
Adam Frink
Oliver L Glover
Wm Loomis
Israel Loomis
J B Ellis

(a Copy)

at a meeting in Hanover Jan 8 chairman Lyon 3 week notice
they nominated Eziro Poffer Abel Cox Nicodemus Angel Wm Dix for pathmaster
remove Seth Crow & Ephraim Hall

recommend J Brownell Abel Cox & Wm Dix for Commissioner
Joseph Brownell chairman & Wm Dix for Directory

To the Hon B. Hovey Esq I hereby certify the above to be a true copy according to the unanimous vote of the inspectors
of Hanover

John Parker

Dunkirk 27th January 1820

Letter from Lynde to Hart says Dunning was never fit
for appointment by reason of Br in law is altogether unqualified & recommends in indicate opposition
of Doty. Associating with Drunkard & "wants firmness judgment & candor a very inconsiderable part of the time he is
disqualified to do the duties from intoxication and intemperate
or disapprobation to his conduct is uttered from all quarters neglects his
duty in paying over moneys

Copies of letters
from Chautauqua
to Comptroller
1820
Cash Wheatcraft

Recd. Monroe 12th August 1821 of
G & J E Williams ~~Courtan~~ dollars in full
pay for bringing nine 20 reams paper
from Pittsburgh

Enoch Marsh

a keg of nails 100lb
Keg about 12lb

E. Marshus
Rect

Keel boat freight
on 9 lbs nails
august 1821

$14.

March 1823

Memorandum Horace Blanchar has let & leased to Elial T. Foote & assigns his present dwelling house and lot of land in the Village of Jamestown with all the appurtenances for and during the term of six months to commence on the 12th day of March instant in consideration whereof the said E. T. Foote promises to pay unto the said Horace Blanchar twenty two dollars and ninety five cents four dollars after taking possession of the premises and the balance on the expiration of the said term of six months said Foote or assigns to surrender the premises at the expiration of the term in as good repair as he finds them natural & usual decay and accidents excepted Said Blanchar covenants to let said Foote or assigns occupy said house & premises at least three months longer after the expiration of said term provided he shall wish & to pay at the same rate after the time shall expire

Dated March 1st 1823

H. Horace Blanchar

E. T. Foote

Witness
J. Foote Jr

The above Dwelling house stood where Mrs. W. & J. C. Beeds old Cabinet Shop stands Corner of Pine & 3d Street
E.T.F.

Recd at Mayville oct 15th 1823 eighty dollars
& eighty two cents

Dec 20th Recd twelve dollars and
eighty cents by note due to Mr M Lodge
& also fifty cents in cash

7.00
1.82
12.80 $27.12

Joseph Blowers
acct
E T Lacato
Lime Kopenmake
Darling house
March 1823

G. Sherwood Esq.
Letter respecting Mff
week agenin the State
Enclosing an order upon
Stile Edgr —

Rec'd Mch 6th 1826

Hon. Elias P. Staats Comp.
Albany
N.Y.

Free

[illegible] March 27, 1826

Dear Sir

Will you do me the favor to present the annexed account to Mr Sill and receive the money if he pays it

Will you likewise have the goodness to inform me whether my account against the State was allowed or not please write me as soon as convenient.

I have no particular news to write there has been nothing doing of any consequence since you left us. I attended Court in Pella. there was more business than usual the Court sat all the week and your presence on the bench would I think have added much to the Court and to the dispatch of business. The Grand Jury found a number of bills that were not tried

Yours Respectfully
Gilbert Douglass

John S Van Rensselaers
invitation to dine

1826

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John S Van Rensselaer requests
the honor of Mr Foote's company
on Wednesday evening next at
7 o'clock
Jan. 11. 1826

Wm. C. J. Foote
of Chautauque

Mayville Oct. 21. 1895

Hon. Elial T. Foote

Dear Sir. We have with pleasure assisted in nominating you as a candidate for the assembly. We have no doubt of your disposition and ability to render this county the most important service, yet as we have some interests of special importance, and which excite some local anxiety, and will therefore be used by our political adversaries it may not be improper to have the liberty from you, to make a distinct avowal of your sentiments on those subjects. We wish your answer to the following questions not for our own satisfaction only but to embolden us to make the avowal that will satisfy others.

1 Will you take all honorable measures to procure an appropriation for the State Road without reference to its location in this county?

2 Will you submit to such location as shall be reported by the Commissioners?

Be good enough to authorize us to express your opinion on these subjects as soon as convenient.

E. Ridley Jr.

Hathern Mixer

Nat Mullett Jr.

Gilbert Douglass.

New York July 20th 1825

My Dear Sir,

not having rec'd any answer to my two letters, I think they must surely have miscarried. — Since you left I have got a letter from Father advising me not to take further Juvy here, but to retire into the country & support myself; —

I am of half his mind — though my prospects are very flattering. — Nothing could be so genial to my feelings in regard to settling prospects of life, as a friendly settlement with a man of distinction & influence, as it must afford an easy passport to my own advancement & practical search if I merited it then. — I am very anxious to do so with you — in case I go into the country at all; & I think that want of independent funds & tolerable health, will very soon compel me to some arrangement of this kind. — As it regards your own interest — I can not ask you to sacrifice one whit; but if additional business will

accrue to a copartnery with me, or should you, by it, be enabled to do better justice to your complicated avocations, you will do me an important favor by closing an agreement.

Please write in your answer decisively what you can do as I may possibly have to go post this fall.

The diseases of town, now you know are Cholera Infantum — Cholera Morbus — Dysentery — Intermittent & Remittent, Bilious fevers — and many sudden deaths by cold water, — Arders, Spirits — Fits &c. &c. — Last week there were 197 deaths in the city; more than there ever was before at any time. Hospital practice presents nothing of deep interest, the diseases are as above; the operations are very severe since you left. — People are leaving town very rapidly — & all say we shall get the Yellow Fever, but I am determined to hang it through if the same of it, if it comes.

An affair at Dr. H....'s, is the same — dont drop a hint to a single soul upon that topic.

My respects to Mrs. M. D. &

Give me an answer by return Mail. Yours

M. J. Gray

Dr. Mrs. F. Gray's
Letter

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Hon. E. T. Foote Esq.

Jamestown —

Chautauqua Co.

N. York

NE 11 11 20

Fredonia Oct. 23d, 1825

Hon Elial T. Foote

Dr Sir The Convention at Mayville gave the delegates from Pomfret and Hanover the privilege of recommending a candidate for Sheriff. We recommended Nathaniel Crosby and the convention very frankly adopted the nomination. On our return Mr Crosby rather chose to decline the nomination and sent us a communication to that effect which will be published in our next paper. Under these circumstances & considering that Gen. Risley had been generally named as a candidate and our friends expected his nomination we called on him to consent to become a candidate. He has at last consented and we have seen the Hanover delegates who are will share with the exchange and have signed Risleys nomination. Shall be to inform the delegates from your town & the adjoining town and procure their approbation. Likewise inform our friends generally that they may understand the circumstances of the case.

Yours Respectfully & truly

Saml Mulkett Jr
Gilbert Douglass

FREDONIA
OCT. 24
N. Y.

Paid 10

Hon. Elial T. Foote
Jamestown

Mullett & Dauchsays
Oct. 25th 1825
Crosby declined & Risley
nominated for Sheriff

Mayville Oct. 27th, 1825.

C. J. Foote, Esqr.

Dear sir, on a consultation with Risley & Mullen on the subject of the Proposed Pledge, they state that they thought you had misunderstood them (when in truth you had not) for they said that they meant no more than to have you give a confidential pledge that they might state to their friends the fact, but on my telling them that the whole ticket would fail if such a thing was done they appeared to be satisfied, and should they renew such application, you must evade any Direct answer as they Dare not, nor will not, attempt any dishonourable course. Judge Ellison and the rest of our friends in that quarter will be true. I have made as much arrangement in Gerry as the time which I had would permit, something more however is necessary, and you had better see to that town as soon as possible — The Clintonians have a meeting tonight at Hours, probably to appoint a Committee of vigilance — From what I can learn we are safe as to our ticket, yet no exertions must be relaxed, but every thing that is honourable in Political business must be attended to.

yours in haste

J. Dexter

J Dexter's
Letter before
Election 1825

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Messrs. Foote, Risley, & Dexter,

To H. C. Trisler Dr.

To printing 5200 votes off	—	$10.00
" do 120 circulars	—	6.00
" do 100 extra papers	—	3.00
		$19.00
Rec'd of E. Risley jr	—	6.33
		$12.67

E. Foote Esq.

Dear Sir, If you could remit me $6.33 which is your part of my bill for printing which I was instructed by Messrs. Dexter & Risley would be paid by you three, it would accommodate me much at present; or if you hand it to me here on your way to Albany it will answer.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt
Henry C. Trisler

H. C. Fisher
Bill printing
(Election)
1825

Westfield March 10: 1826

Hon. E. T. Foote,

Dear Sir,

We are gratified on receiving from you the report of the Joint Road committee. I am pleased with the manner in which the subject has been managed so far. The grand question Road or no road is in my opinion wholly detached from the petty struggles which ought to be anticipated and must ensue on its location. Its termination will doubtless decide the comparative consequence of our two rival villages on the lake: I am for the road however let it terminate where it may. The southern route on this end seems to me to have so many and so decisive advantages over the northern that I have no apprehensions except from the influence of the Dunkirk association. after the appropriation is made would it not be best for the legislature to settle some of the leading points, if not the whole line, say the two extremities, and such intermediate points as they can be satisfied are indicated by justice & equity? You will infer that I have more faith in the sagacity or integrity of the legislature than in the commissioners. It is so, but I can not spare time to explain which.

What is the reason we have no circuit Judge yet appointed? Is it because the Barys consolidating system is likely to prevail? I hope Gray is out of the question at all events.

Of all the candidates yet named in the district, I am decidedly in favor of Hastings. He is a very worthy man and would shortly grow to be an able Judge – His appointment would give general, if not universal satisfaction in this bay – I mean to the bar.

If it should be perfectly convenient for you, please pay C. F. Backus five dollars and take his receipt for so much on my subscription for the N. A. Review. This is same reason in remitting by mail –

I should be very happy to receive a communication from you.

Yours very obt Sr –

A. Dixon

Dgly 1826

Sir

I have only moment to write this Gently Perhaps - I have read your letter Orton is the last man I would support, he wont get half of the votes of the Christians in this Town he will be 600 behind in this County. You can have no Conception how much I am doing for the ticket Generally, I have not less than 5 men Riding in 2 Weeks to Call them out —

Gray has Done himself he cannot get a majority either in Niagara or Erie his Slanders has been completely Confuted & he proven a Base Calumniator, Said Outputs to each Town — expense will be Small — your Election is sure — Rely you may on my best exertions,

yours &c

D.G.G.

D. G. Gormley's letter
on Congressional election
1826

Honored Sir

Orington July 3. 1826

The enclosed petition & map might seem to sufficently to explain itself; but as it is matter of no small moment to us as a people, and as we anticipate some opposition, we submit ~~but not~~ the whole to your particular care and inspection, with the accompanying statements in the confident expectation that it will find in you, an impartial & spirited advocate — under the full sense also that its success for the present season, will depend almost entirely upon the importance which you shall be pleased to attach to it. We therefore beg your candid attention to the few following statements, the truth of which need not be doubted, and which will eventually be made to appear if necessary. — The first settlers on the 11th Township 11th Range were men well qualified to judge, after the thorough survey which they made, of the surrounding country of the location of this township, and of what would probably be the density of the population — made their arrangements for Schools — and particularly for religious privileges & Society. The erection of the Town of Hanover so as to divide the 6th Township has been the means of palsying almost every mean made use of to unite the people in regard to Society, and a house for public worship — Notwithstanding these local disadvantages, they are now erecting two houses for public worship — and we know of nothing that will so enable this people to realize their early anticipations in this respect, as the erection of this town. This is certainly a weighty consideration to those individuals, at least, who regard the welfare of community in moral point of view. But again, the town of Pomfret is sufficiently large without it, whatever may be said to the contrary. This you will readily discover by the map. It now has 3 townships — and it is now becoming so thickly populated that every man is convinced that it cannot all be connected long. So well convinced is every one of this, and of the justice of our claims, that even those most opposed will admit that the division must take place soonn or later, and most of them do not care how soon, though they perhaps think it their interest to hold us as long as they conveniently can. This is matter

fact with many leading men in Fredonia — and still it is matter of delicacy for them to sign a petition to this effect; but they have agreed not to oppose it. We could mention names were it necessary —

No argument can be raised against it from the location of the Village of Fredonia — for you will discover that it will be left much nearer the centre of Pomfret than it now is — and the erection of this town can never effect it as a place of business — this is not pretended by any. — With respect to Forestville, it is expected that those (or most of them) that live in the village will be opposed — but those few can, nor ought to, any consideration to discommode the the body of the inhabitants of that town — and the fact is, they are discommoded by making Forestville a centre, and they are determined on a division if they can get one. There is no doubt but a majority of the people of Hanover are in favor of the division; and the town, you will see by the map will be sufficiently large and in good form. — Should any objections arise from Forestville, it is left optional with the Legislature to leave out what few buildings would be included by taking the Walnut creek for the line, above where the line now intersects it. But as Forestville is quite one side of centre of the present town of Hanover and cannot long hold the town meetings and as there is but one dwelling house on the west side of the creek the division cannot injure the place in any sense — especially if the creek is taken for the line — & the body of the people of that town have no cause on the subject. — We expect it will be stated to the House, that at the last annual town meeting in Pomfret, the vote for the division was taken, and a majority against it. — We wish to have it distinctly understood, that the vote was raised contrary to our wishes — that those opposed, were ready and marshalled early, that those in favor were very many of them absent, and not calculating that the vote was to be taken — that we argued against taking the vote, and that consequently not one voted for it. This fact they will not deny. — To conclude the proposed new town, gave a heavy majority for our present representative, and they have the most implicit confidence in your Honor's political integrity, as well as in your independent & impartial examination & representation of this people's petition to the Legislature. With sentiments of cordial respect, we subscribe Yours truly.

Ozias Hart
Lauren Bigelow
John Gray
Orsamus Holmes
Nathl Gray
Committee

Should anything occur to make it necessary We wish you to give us as early information as possible — We regret that it comes so late Houghton would have assisted had it come when he was in Albany. — —

From Gray to Division of Town
1826

From Hart Gray & Holmes &c

Hon. E. T. Foote Esq.

Albany

Governor CLINTON requests the honor of

Mr Forbes Company, at **Dinner**, on

Thursday the 23d instant at 4 o'clock.

16 July 1826

The favor of an answer is requested.

Govr Clintons invitation
to Dine &c
1826

University of the State of New-York.

New-York, August 5th 1826

SIR,

It has become my duty to inform you, that at a Meeting of the Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of the State of New-York, held on the 2nd day of August you were elected a **FELLOW** of that Body.

As such, you are entitled, by Charter, "to the Privilege of attending all the Public Lectures, and other Courses of Instruction, delivered by the Professors of the said College, and of visiting and inspecting the Anatomical Museum, the Botanic Garden, the Cabinet of Mineralogy and Natural History, and the Library of the said College, under such Regulations as the Trustees have prescribed for that purpose."

Signed, by order of the College,

Nicoll H. Dering M.D. Registrar.

To
Dr Eliel T. Foote

N. Y. Dering MD Registrar &c.

Notice of my being elected a Fellow of the College of P&S

Certificate of Election as follows &c

Dr. Ellis Foote

Member of Assembly

Ellicottville

N.Y.

Venerable Orsamus Holmes
Mayor, a Revolutionary Soldier &c

Pomfret 18 Decr 1826

I take the freedom to address you on a subject, which to me, (as well as many others, who reside on the sixth township and eleventh range, formerly designated by the Holland land company's land; now a part of the county of Chautauque.) is highly interesting. According to the best of my recollection, some time in the year 1810 a meeting was called by the inhabitants of this part of the then, Town of Chautauque, and a vote taken which was carried by a majority of 8 to prefer a petition to the Legislature of this State to incorporate the west half of No 5 & 6, in the eleventh Range, and the whole of No 5 & 6 in the 12, Range into a Town; which took place. I would here observe that the day said meeting was held, was a very stormy uncomfortable day. Just as the hat was turned (for the vote was taken by ballot.) 8 or 9 persons came in from Cattaraugus settlement, & plead for the privilege of voting but were denied; had those persons arrived seasonably, which they undoubtedly would have done had it not been for the uncomfortable storm, the vote would have been carried in the negative. A considerable number of the inhabitants on the 5 & 6 Townships in the eleventh range felt ourselves injured by the split of those townships; having it in contemplation, that each of those No as soon as they become sufficiently populous would be eligible for incorporated towns for business, which is now the case with No 6. A petition is now in circulation, for signatures, and as soon as a sufficient number of signors are obtained, the papers are to be forwarded to you gentlemen, earnestly soliciting you as Legislators, with the utmost assiduity to make use of all fair and honorable means, in behalf of this section of your constituents that the said Township in the eleventh Range may be incorporated into a separate town agreeable to the prayer of said petition. There will undoubtedly be a remonstrance forwarded to the Legislature, and you may probably see my sons names on the list; as I have the unhappiness to find them differ from me in opinion, which is in consequence of local interest, in a meeting house put up & enclosed by individuals and not by the voice of society. There are others, I believe I may presume state it as truth, who will oppose the proposed new town on the same principle or other sinister views. As to myself I have ever been of the opinion that the said No 6 when a sufficient number of inhabitants were settled on it, ought to be an incorporated town. My family was one of the first 3 that settled on the Township.

Respectfully Orsamus Holmes

Orsamus Holmes
Letter Town election
1825

Eliel
~~[illegible]~~ P. Foot & Samuel A. Brown
Esqr

Jamestown

Jamestown Sept 20th 1827

Sir - This vicinity continues as healthy as when you left here - Your family is all well, except your sister. I saw her yesterday. She appears to be labouring under febrile symptoms of rather a mild character - I think she will probably be better in a few days.

The girl with Dropsy, it is most likely, will not continue but a short time. Her symptoms are daily becoming much worse in all respects. There is no probability that the water can be drawn from the cavity of the abdomen with any prospect of benefit, as the general anasarca is quite equal to the ascites, besides the system manifests a general state of disease, incompatible with any prospects of recovery. This is a very important case in many points of view - The causes are somewhat obscure - There are many remote ones, that serve to exalt the immediate one, that are obvious enough, but what process excites the train of symptoms, that constitute the disease, are not so easily come at - If she should not continue I shall endeavour to obtain permission to examine the body.

I have got the other number of the N.E. Journal and shall send it to you by Mr. Plumb - If any chance should occur to purchase Med. books at auction I should

be pleased to add to my present stocks. I should be choose such books as are not owned in the place, so as to gain the benefit of exchanges. I will mention over some works that I should like, though it is probable enough they will not be offered at auction market. Cooke on Nervous Diseases, Smith on Digestion, Smith on Typhoid Fever, Armstrong on Typhus. Sir Astley Cooper on Dislocations, Blackall on Dropsies. Paris's Pharmacology, Chapman's Therapeutics & Materia Medica. & many others might be mentioned, for I should be pleased to own all the important works, relating to the science of medicine. I do not want purchases made to any very great amount, as my present means & payment will not warrant. Say not exceed 20 or 30$ Chapman's Philadelphia Journal of the Medical and Physical Sciences, if it should happen to be offered cheap, I should like you could purchase. It contains many valuable papers, mixed to be sure with many unimportant, but then if it can be bought cheap it might be an object. I shall expect after all, you will be pinched, if you do at all just such books as you would for yourself

I know it is impossible to give any direction in such a matter that can be followed.

I should be pleased to hear from you often, especially on the subject of the medical schools from State, and likewise that "Cordon" of schools situated on our eastern ~~frontier~~ border. I should be pleased to receive any important intelligence, either medical or otherwise. We are pretty deathly of news here. Gen. Allen is now on his Military tour. I understand he is going prosperously along.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

Gaban Hazeltine

Dr. E. T. Foote, Albany

Jamestown N.Y.
Sept 20th

Free
L. Hazeltine
P.M. Jamestown

Dr. E. S. Foote,
Member of Assembly
Albany

Dr Jno B Beck (Letter)
Feby 1827
on My Dispensary & an
introduction to Dr Gerard
complimentary &c

Dr Ebal F. Foote

Albany

He taught school near Jas Allens in Bond winter 1819 & 20 at $10 a month and received shingles by contract at 50 cents a thousand. In the spring he returned to Bevlington & attended school during the summer & taught in the winter of 2021 until 22

N.Y. March 29 1872

My Dear Doctor

I have received your two last letters. And I need not tell you how much we all feel indebted to you for the interest you take with Bill at present pending before the Legislature. I am sure you that every thing in this quarter has been done that could be done. and I believe that upon Mr Gardiner particularly such an impression has been made that he will act warmly on our side. I understand he went up yesterday. I was told yesterday by Dr Stevens that Mr Bogardus had said he would not oppose the Bill. This however I very much doubt. Judge Wilkeson who has been in town for a few days visited us. In consequence of your suggestion Col. Lord has been very warmly enlisted in the business & promised to write immediately to several persons at Albany. He considers, he says his own honor & the honor of the State implicated

would, therefore do all in his power to aid the passage of the Bill. Mr. Boyd, who I expected would at this time have been in Albany, is prevented by business from being there till Monday. I regret this exceedingly, because we have been disappointed several times in persons whom we expected to go to Albany — as the Bill Committee will not report however, in all probability till Monday. I hope Mr. B. will still be in time to assist its passage.

Some 10 or 12 days ago I wrote you a letter which as you have not acknowledged in any of your subsequent letters, I am in doubt whether you have received. Hoping that the triumph may be as complete in the Senate as it has been in the Assembly, I remain

Yours sincerely

Thos. J. Beck

Hon. E. Lo Fort

John B Beck MD.
Letter 29th march 1827
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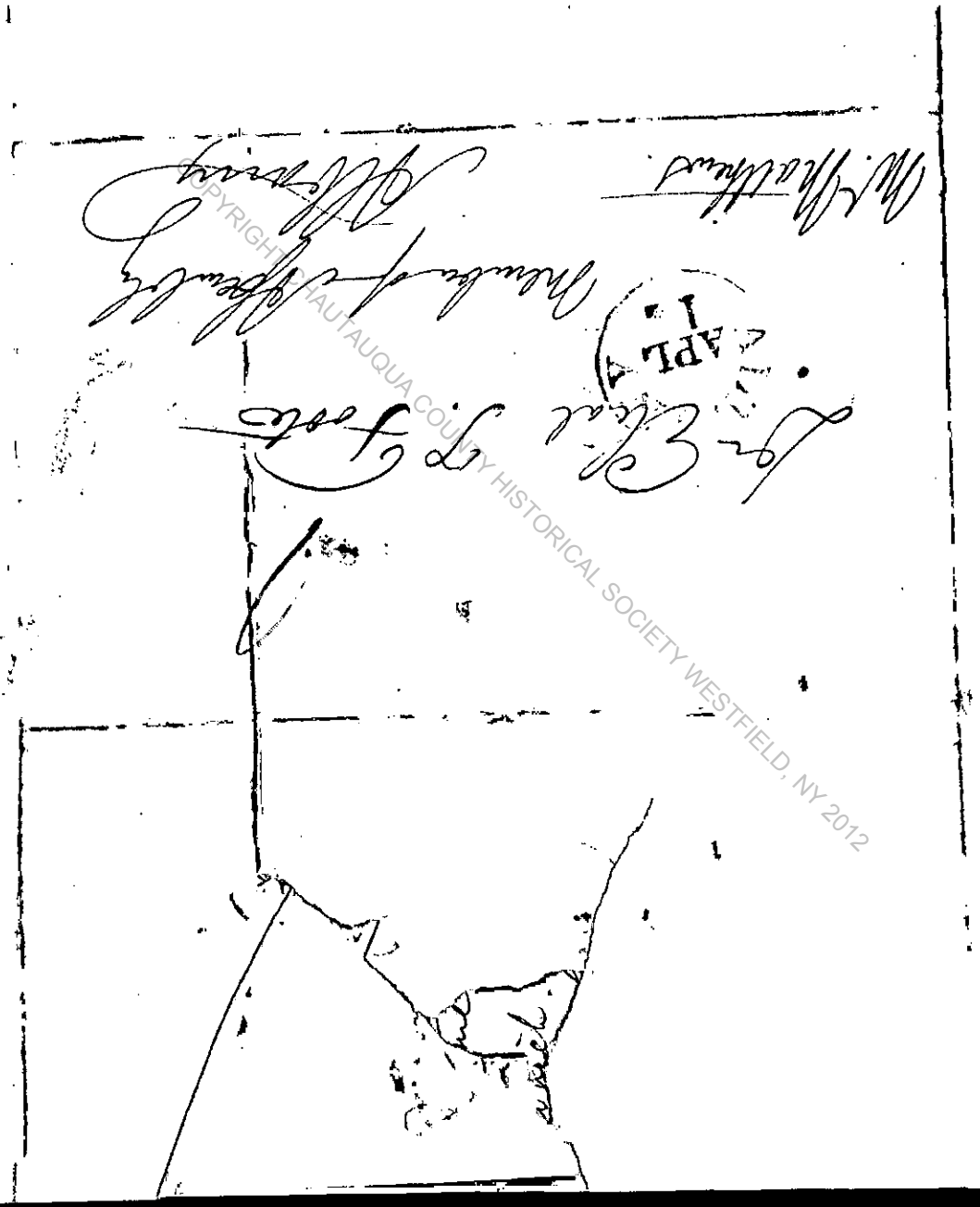

January the 22 1828

Mr Martin Prendergast please to
let the bearer have four Dollars in goods
on my account and you will oblige me

Hugh Cunningham

Hugh Crosgrove
order

763.

An original letter from the Venerable Judge Hockney of Warren Pa
a most worthy man. A native of the Mohawk River Valley NY in Revolution

Mr. I E Bedling Warren Mary 18th 1828

Dear Sir If you have any large bayonets
on hand I will thank you to send me
one or if you have none, I will take it
as a favour if you will procure one for
me if to be had & send it on by the
Stage and I shall send you the pay
by your sending your
your well. Gratefully Acknowledge your

Sr Joseph Hockney

None will answer but a very large one

I H

Corbin & Hickey

Warren

December 1828

J. E. Budlong, Merritt

Lenestown

Lansingburgh Nov. 18th 1829

Dr. E. L. Foster

Your of the 7th inst. is just rec'd. The result of election in Albany is somewhat unexpected - I had anticipated the coalition of Clinton & Van Buren would have some effect on the election there - It is a little surprising to me that while the prospects of Jackson are on the wane in the middle and southern states, they should be improving in this. Administration & anti-administration politics are involving many queer fendicaments, as well as those of mason & anti-mason; for we find old political predilections entirely overwhelmed up in the new - The exact chemistry of the new combination I do not know as I precisely understand - but as regards the presidential question I suspect there will be some spontaneous decomposition between this and the day of decision - I believe some, in different quarters of the Union, are now pushing Clinton's claims to the Presidency, and

among the most busy & active in this state is the Newyork Statesman - If Clinton is got fairly into the field, as a competitor, I cannot say how his and Van Burens accounts may stand; but I should not be much surprised if they found means to liquidate them much to their own liking - We will now leave politics for other matters -

I find by the papers that Dr. Hosack is like to outwit all his powers at last - The papers I see notice the circumstance of Rutgers medical Faculty having been constituted the medical faculty of Geneva College - How is this, has that College a right to such a faculty? - Hosacks is truly a managing fellow, and I believe will give lectures, and grant degrees, let what obstacles there may be thrown in his way - I sincerely wish some correction might be applied, for this state of things will keep the schools of medicine in Newyork far behind that of her sister cities - which considering her many superior advantages is very lamentable -

I hope the amendment to the act to tax non residents road works may pass the Senate without any material alteration - The law will have, if it should take effect, a very beneficial bearing on this section of country -

The election in this section of the State, so far as I have heard, has resulted in the choice of anti-masons to the next Legislature - Genl Porter is elected, however, from Erie Co. Our candidates have succeeded beyond my most sanguine expectations -

I have not seen the official canvass, but understand Mason's majority is about 1100 & Fenton's about 900 - These are large majorities for this county - We have lately had a good deal of rainy weather, but the ground has been hardly grazed with snow yet - Roads are very bad, & as good luck would have it, it is very healthy - I am, &c. &c - Laban Hazeltine

Dr. L. Hazeltine
Letter Nov. 17th 1827
Political Moral etc.

Nov. 17th

Dr. L. Hazeltine
P. M. Jamestown

Dr. E. F. Foote,
member of Assembly
Albany

Jamestown Nov 19th 1827

Dr. E. T. Foote, Sir - My journals arrived last evening in good order - They appear decently bound - The title page to one of the numbers of the N.E. Journal is not bound in the proper place - and the first 9 Nos. of the Intelligencer are bound in confusion - the second number is wholly missing - They compare very well with those I had bound - I think I shall forward on 2 or 3 Vols. more this winter to be bound, and I wish the binder to keep a memorandum of the binding, in order to bind all future numbers of the journals - I am highly pleased with Eberly's Therapeutics - I have been somewhat acquainted with the work, and think it valuable - Dr. Chapman's works on the same subject, and Paris's treatise on Pharmacology would be very useful additions on the subject of Materia Medica. Dr. Chapman you recollect defends strictly the doctrine of the Solidists - If any valuable works come in your way be pleased to purchase, and you would oblige me in so doing - I told Esqr. Brown to buy some books for me if he had opportunity - I expect, however, he will not purchase many, if any medical books - I am anxious to add to my present stock of books from time to time, as I have opportunity

Cooper's Surgical Dictionary by Dorsey I own, but my brother has had it now a long time, & would like to keep it - It is a very convenient book for a practitioner for a book of reference - & I would like to have a set constantly on my shelf for that purpose - I would like a copy of that work if you could not get it at a reduced price - Perhaps it may be offered cheap -

As I am in the way of troubling you with my commands - I should be very much obliged if you would procure me two or three pr. of Spring back forceps - My Brother has taken those that belong to my case to pick the knobs off of cloth, previous to finishing -

It is now snowing - We have not had much snow yet - The ground is now but cleanly white - The roads are intolerable - I think I should rather legislate than ride our roads just now - But it is very healthy, so I get along very well -

I am, Sir, yours &c -

Laban Hazeltine

January 12th 1828

Mr Budlong & Barrit Sirs please to let Benjamin Jones have 100 hundred weight of side pork 3 gallons of wine, 3 fo rum and furnish him with Cays to put it in he will pay you three Dollars in hand and I will pay you the [illegible] see you in that time.

And also 25 dollars worth of dry goods and I will pay you that when I return in the Spring. I have received a letter from my Brother and he states he will furnish me with 75 dollars by the first of April which you shall have for certin and I want it out in pork and whisky for I am getting out logs on the Indian Reservation and I want it for provisions. And by so doing you will oblige Yours &c

Philip Jones

Philip Tower
letter

Albany 30 Jany 1828.

C. D. Foote Esq

Dear Sir

I rec'd your in due time — and will with great pleasure render you such a assistance as I can. I have not yet heard from Mr Dixon — nor has any thing been done on the subject of the petition more than to refer it, that I have heard. I rejoice to learn that the difficulties in your church have been settled — for of all other controversies those of a religious character are the most unnatural and too often the most virulent — We are progressing in our Legislative concerns as usual — have done but very little with the revision, and from present appearances, I fear we shall not do much —

When I left home we had a very interesting revival of religion in progress at our village which still continues — Number of converts about 70 the last I heard from them. Mr Finney you know probably is at Wilmington State of Delaware — Some conversions have taken

place and at the last anxious meeting 40 Tinners under deep conviction were present. Mr Nettleton went to Philadelphia in order to counteract Mr Finney's influence, and it was the very means of sending several ministers from Philadelphia to Wilmington to hear him — and finding him so entirely different a man from what he had been represented — he was invited to Philadelphia, and has been there and preached three sermons — and has returned to Wilmington — he can preach in an orthodox church in New York also — whenever he sees fit to go there — Albany is what you were here. Mr Walsh the Baptist Man is drawing crowded houses —

You are friendly I believe to be remembered — Write me often & I can be of any service to you in any other upon concern, command my service.

Late news from Washington gives me assurance that the Coro will lose the vote of Pennsylvania

Dear Sir truly W. P. Johnson

Hon D Wardwell M Congress

Albany March 14th 1828

Dear Sir

I presume I must offer you an excuse for not answering all your letters as soon as and when I tell you that I am much pressed for time — I am at all times gratified on receiving letters from my friends & it gives me much pleasure to answer them when consistent with my other duties — You say you have established a new Jackson paper in ~~Chautauqua~~ your county — I wish it success — The Morgan question will undoubtedly injure the cause of Jackson — The leading Adams men are determined to get on and ride & how it will terminate I know not — But a course so unjust & so iniquitous cannot long succeed — The People will sooner or later learn the object of

the men who are now the leaders in this business. I have lately received information as puts it beyond a doubt that Mr Adams is a Mason the Washington letter writer to the contrary notwithstanding. We have not done much with the division. I think we shall continue the session until we finish. I prefer this course to a new extra session. It may amount to till June. Your members are Adams Gen. Porter seems to manage your participation well. Write me often & I will answer what I can.

Yours truly

B Mansfield

Best Port

[N.Y. Nov 4th 1828]

Dr E.T. Foote

Dear Sir

after leaving Jamestown, a passage of nine days saw me landed, safe in usual health, at the foot of Cortland Street, ~~Dockage~~ I immediately took my trunk to the ~~orange~~ county house and put ~~them~~ them. After a very pleasant ride from Jamestown I arrived at Lockport about 5 o'clock in the Evening, and my friends having left the place obliged me to call for supper and lodging at the hotel ~~the steam boat~~. I took a passage on board the Pioneer and arrived at Buffalo at 9 o'clock in the Evening — After taking my trunk to the Hotel, I went down to the Canal to ~~see~~ enquire ~~if~~ ~~or~~ what boats were in, and if any were going out, during the night, but found only one that was going out, and that belonged to the Troy & Erie line, and would not take passengers under 1½ cents per mile & 4/6 for meal — I made much inquiry for boats of the Hudson & Erie & Clinton lines, but there were none in; and I concluded it would be to long for me to wait till one should come in and procure loading, not knowing when or how long it would be — After much deliberation and reflection on the subject I determined to take the Troy & Erie line — Left on board the Hope of Buffalo Capt Conway and left Buffalo that night — You may think I did very wrong and perhaps I did, but I took it, and as no favorable opportunity presented of getting cheaper fare, kept it Quite through to Schenectady — There were about thirty passengers on board, and among them were a couple, a gentleman & lady whose appearance & general deportment bespoke their familiarity with wealth ~~& affluence~~ and whose modesty condour, and courtesy, insured the esteem of all — During the course of two or three days acquaintance I found them to be residents of Middletown Connecticut, and members of the Methodist Church, and upon a little inquiry we ascertained there were twelve or thirteen professors of Religion on board — A young man who was on his way to the Theological Seminary proposed having a prayer meeting which was acceded to by all, and the captain together with the greater part of the passengers attended — We had a very spiritual & interesting meeting — I arrived at Schenectady on the night of the 28th took the stage, and arrived at Albany on the morning of the 29th — There were no Two boats in Albany, nor could learn that there would soon and consequently took the 10 o'clock boat from Albany and arrived at N.Y. on the night of the same day — {~~and~~ loaded with them}

* I continued in company with the Gentleman and Lady to N.Y. where I left them.
last meeting at the

I took lodgings immediately at the A.C. House as stated at the commencement. I stayed at this place two days, during which time I went morisons and had the goods put with a promise that they should be forwarded forthwith and without fail. I visited many boarding houses and the prices were from three to 5 dollars with firewood or candles and continued searching till about eight at No 35 Maiden lane I found a room which was occupied by two students from Albany who, after learning that I was a Medical student, were willing, desirous of my company. The lady of the house informed me the two paid $3¾ each (which I afterward found was true) but said I might room with them for $2.75 if I would say nothing about it. I agreed with the Lady for the above price and removed to my lodgings on the first of Nov. I went first to see the Dr Martin and others whom you requested to assist me in finding a boarding house, but their knowledge of boarding houses was so limited that they could not direct me to a place near the college, nor near themselves, but such as were extravagant in their prices, so that they were of no real service, although they took a good deal of interest in my welfare. I presented your letter to professors Smith and Beck who received me very cordially and enquired very earnestly after the state of your health. They treated me with very kindness. Said there would be no difficulty at all in getting my tickets. That I should not want for any assistance in that particular which it was in their power to offer. They spoke of me to the other professors, and kindly introduced me to them individually, who gave me their tickets in regular succession, and they also gave them*. Dr Beck is very kind. He entreats me not to grow melancholy under my present circumstances but keep good courage, call often at his office & see him and hopes I shall be more contented and better pleased when they ~~[illegible]~~ when they settle in their regular courses of lectures. They are all very obliging. I am happy to state that one of my room mates is a regular member of the Methodist Society in Albany & the

*I had previously paid for and took my matriculation ticket.

We attended Church last Sunday in Lake Street in the afternoon and Evening, and had two very Excellent Sermons, one of which was the funeral Sermon of Bishop Gray. By the Revd Mr Bangs — There is a great Excitement here to the things of religion, but it seems to be abating in some degree, yet it is not unfrequently that they have as noisy meetings on as zealous in the cause as they are at our prayer meetings in Jamestown — Do write to me soon & learn the state of our Society and inform me or please direct some of our members to write — With regard to our contingent Expences, they will consider able — We Bought 12 lb of candles at 11 cts per lb which I think cheap but for wood we shall have to pay a high price, and for washing 4/ doz — After all the Expence of my Journey, Matriculation Ticket &c I am yet here in N.Y. and $28 in my pocket — Perhaps you will think I have been to free with money & played the Spendthrift, and perhaps this is the case, yet, however, if it is I am really not aware of it — I shall not be able to get through short of 25 or $30 more — Book Auctions are very frequent & if I had plenty of money & nothing else to do with it I should certainly buy some Books — Give my respects to all Enquirers and my love to the brethren of the church in particular —

Believe me as ever
your sincerely grateful Student
D. M. Bate

Dr. D. M. Batty
Letter Nov. 4th 1828
Journal to New York &c

Hon. Hon E. T. Foster, Jamestown
Chautauqua Co
N.Y.

ALBANY LYCEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Albany, 25th November 1828

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that, at a Meeting of the Albany Lyceum of Natural History, held this evening, you were elected a **CORRESPONDING MEMBER** of that Institution.

By order of the Society,

Matthew Henry Webster

Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. Eliab T. Foote

Jamestown

(Chautauque Co.)

Albany Lyceum
Natural History

E. G. Foote elected Member
of Nov. 25th 1828

Dr. Elias Foote
Jamestown
(Chatauque Co.)

Memorandum of an agreement had made & concluded this second day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty nine Between Elisha Allen of the first part and Rufus Shurr & Hiram Hale of the second part

Witnesseth that the said Elisha Allen for and in consideration of Sixty five Dollars to be paid in quarterly installments has rented let Leased demised set and to form let unto them the said Shurr & Hale their heirs administrators Executors or assigns a certain House known by the name of the Dennin House on Street opposite T. M. Harvey's House for and during the term of one year from the above date to them the said Shurr & Hale to have to hold and to peaceably enjoy for the space of one year without molestation or hinderance. and the said Elisha Allen for himself his heirs executors or administrators does hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said Shurr & Hale their heirs executors administrators or assigns that he will warrant and defend the peaceable possession and quiet enjoyment of the above mentioned (during said year) House and said Allen agrees to fit the Cellar under said house in good repair for use this season and the said Rufus Shurr & Hiram Hale promises covenants and agrees on their part to peaceably quit and quietly yield up the possession of the said House at the expiration of the term afore said in as good repair as it now is except the natural wear and decay thereof

in Testimony whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands & seals this Thirteenth day of May 1829

Rufus Shurr
Hiram Hale

I. E. Allen agrees to receive one half of the within named rents in work at cash price on out of either of the stores in this place except G. Tiffanys.

Jamestown May 13th 1829

E Allen

Elisha Allen
vs
Mapes Shum & Shum & Allen
Case

Mr. A. E. Budding

Sir

Please pay Mr. Smith
Three dollars fifty cents, in merchandize
charge to my acc.

April 14th 1829.

Augt. Colton.

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~~A Colson~~
~~order 3-5-0~~

A Colson
order 3-5-0

Fredonia Sept 1. 1829.

Hon. E. T. Foote

Dr Sir Yours of the 27th ult came while I was at Buffalo I have been required and examined it – I am willing to give what little aid I can able to impose the appointment of postmasters of Hartstene and the other anti-M. ladies – I would have complied with your request and have attended to the subject to which you allude immediately but I do not know the present stage of the controversy in the politics of your village – I was a subscriber to your Republican but ~~Mr Cone~~ at the request of Mr Cone it was discontinued – I never read the Journal in my life – until I might have read it accidentally – I have no acquaintance with it and no fellowship with it – I do not know whether Hartstene belongs to the W. B. County or not but I presume he did. and I know that he still retains the same spirit which ruled that county, and he associates with the same political men – The real blue-light, anti-war. anti fighting Hartford Convention Federalists – I will think of this subject and if I find any thing to say big & big, I will say it – So here –

Your truly

Jos. Mallett –

Hon. E. T. Foote. Post Master
Jamestown
Chau Co N.Y.

Jos. Mullett Esq
Letter dated 14 1829
H. Mortington benevolent
Society concerns

Cherry Valley Sept 10 [illegible]

Hon. E. T. Foote

Dear Sir

Will you be good enough to procure the annexed article in relation to Hamilton College to be inserted in the Chautauqua Republican. — You may consider it as a letter addressed by myself to you. —

I have recently travelled thro the Counties of Madison, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Ontario Yates, Steuben & Livingston, and find that our political prospects there, are much fairer than they were last year at this time. — Political antimasonry is in bad odour. Many of the republicans who are in principle antimasons told me that they should hereafter in politics go with their old associates — That they did not like masonry, but should ~~not~~ leave it to stand or fall by the force of public opinion.

They have discovered they say that the leaders of antimasonry are their old political opponents, against whom they have all their lives contended. —

I passed thro the counties above named in my own conveyance by different routes and had numerous conversations with the People. — I only returned last week. — Our friends here feel anxious that you should be a candidate for Senator in the 8th district. Suppose you consent to run. — The other counties will give it to Chautauqua if she asks it. — I am informed that if the candidate is taken from Genesee that Mr. Steiner will be the man. —

In haste Truly

Yours

J. O. Morse

Lot Ostrander Esq
Letter pretitical &c
Sept 18th 1829

Westfield N.Y. Dec 10th 1829

Dear Sir

Perhaps you would like to know some thing respecting my application last spring for an appointment — I sent my papers to Washington directed to Mr. Van Buren. I have never heard from him on the subject. from what has been intimated to me by a Gentleman in the U.S. service I am lead to believe that he treats every application of the kind with perfect neglect. I never had much opinion of his disinterested, and generous feelings towards his political friends and from what I have experienced. I am rather confirmed in the opinion that he is a selfish. cold hearted political trimmer. I think I shall this winter withdraw my papers from his hands. & prosecute my application through another source —

With much respect

I am Sir your obedt Servt

J. Denning

E. P. Foote Esqr.

For value received I promise to pay the A
Allen or bearer Two dollars and Eighty one
cents to be paid in knedle work any time
when called for

Jamestown Oct 25th 1829 Witness for antiquity

Rufus Spurr
a carpenter

Library of Congress

Washington City Jan. 18, 1831

Dear Sir

I arrived here Monday evening 16th & have been very assiduous in examining the Office to ascertain ~~I have~~ whether my machine interferes with any heretofore patented, I am happy now to state to my friends that after a thorough examination, I find it does not; Davis's machine approximates the nearest (the same I had a copy of specification before I left & of which you have seen) I consequently now feel a great relief from an apprehension which I intimated to you, to wit the interference of other patents the right sold in Philadelphia last spring was (it is believed at the patent office) to be Burden's Troy Machine patented 1824 but has ~~patented~~ deposited no model (I have taken a copy of specification) he is a Scotchman & has recently sold in England his right for 50,000 pounds sterling. This machine is considered at the office by far the most important, but by the way he produces but <u>Sixteen nails a minute</u> he first cuts off the rod & heads it, & then rolls out the point by four cams not dissimilar in principle of operation to my machine being in effect four moving rollers but when the nail is drawn out it stops opens & let out the nail & goes back for an other so you see he fairly got upon the track of my machine but failed to make it rotary I have ordered copies of specification of all of the machines patented so as to be enabled to show any purchaser ~~distinctly~~ distinctly that I do not interfere which will cost me some 15 or 20 Dolls I have not yet patented my machine shall

I have been so intensely engaged that I have formed no acquaintances nor yet even presented any of my letters, or been to the Capitol. I was too late to hear the speeches of Clay & Hayne on the Tariff. When I get through with the business which called me here I may spend a day or two. A new law passed this winter will compell me to leave my model & consequently will prevent me from making any sales, & must content myself to pack up & find my way back as soon as possible with tolerable good prospects of success in anticipation — I have become well satisfied, that I must build an operating machine before I can make a beneficial sale —

Your letter procured for me an introduction to Mr J. R. McNickle of the firm of Leonard Dempsey & Leonard who are extensive in the manufactory of Rolled Iron at Pitts & Cincinnatti & not engaged in the nail trade. They are enterprising & want to extend business. I waited six days or two for your letter which I did not regret as the manufacturers of cut nails have their prejudices to overcome. The famous Philadelphia sale was offered here for 8000 Dolls, Maenbenger offered 6000 I believe so was supposed to be, Mr McNickle the active man in the firm above alluded too is decidedly in favour of my machine & when apprised of the fact that it does not interfere, says he will pay any price in the bounds of reason for the territory east of the mountains. I have left my business with Mr H. Higby at Pittsburgh who has always full confidence in my machine

I may however return by Pittsburg in hopes of effecting a sale having shown my model ~~there~~ at that place, yet notwithstanding the probability that I might sell yet I think if I had an operating machine I might sell for three prices more — I apprehend no difficulty in getting my Patent — I shall be compelled to wait at least 3 days to complete the copies & drawings which I am taking & shall be on the return soon after, & of course be at Jamestown in a fraction over 2 weeks

Yours verry Respectfully
Wm. M. Harvey

A. Plumb Esq

Thos McHarvey
Letter
1832

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Mr Alvin Plumb Esq
Jamestown
Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

Lainy & Mosley please pay Levi Phillips fourteen dollars & forty eight cents & charge the same to my account

Ann Grove Sept 22 11 1831 Marshall Jones

$14.48

Marshall Long
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Sept 22.

Office Bank Mechanics
Buffalo July 5th 1831

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to our President, stating that you had been chosen a Director of the new Bank at Jamestown, and resigning your place in the direction of this Office, was received by me in his absence and read at the meeting of the Board last Friday. I shall send a Copy to Mr. Biddle, to be submitted to the Board of the Parent Bank, by whom you were appointed. In the mean time I take occasion to express my satisfaction with the manner in which you have discharged the troublesome duties of two devolving on a non-resident director — and to acknowledge the advantage the office has experienced from your acquaintance with the business and standing of its customers in Chatauqua County.

With the best wishes for your welfare,
I remain very sincerely
Yours
A R Chamberlain Cashr

E. F. Hoots Esq.

J R Carpenter - Cashier
acknowledging recpt of my
resignation as a Director
July 5th 1831

C. S.

E. J. Foote Esqr
P. M.
Jamestown
Chautauque Co

Bath N.Y.

14. Nov. 1831

E. F. Foot Esq.

Dear Sir

On the 7th Inst. I rec.d a line from W.M. E. Tiffany enquiring after the notice for a rail way from New York through the Southern tier of County's passing through Jamestown to Lake Erie, I find the notice in our paper I send you on — containing the same

Our Election is passed I Reuben Sage, the Republican

Ticket Elected Senate, McDowell (who you know I presume) is Elected in this district our Assembly Men & Sheriff

I am Sir, Your Obt. Svt.

W. M. Hubbell

Wm S Hubbell Pile
Both NY on Lake Erie Road
Nov 1837

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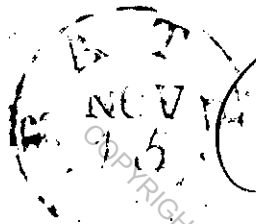

Mr S Hubbell Pile

E. F. Foot Esq.

Jamestown

N.Y.

Recd of E. G. Foote two hundred and one dollars and forty seven cents money paid him by the P.O. Department on a power of attorney which I gave him —

Jamestown Dec 10th 1831 — H. Colton

$201 $\frac{47}{100}$.

H Eatons
Recpt
$201-47/100

Same

Rome 20 July 1832

Dear Brother

Yours of the 11th duly received. We have had a truly refreshing season here and God still continues with us. There have been quite a number of conversions since the protracted meeting, and the Baptists are now holding a protracted meeting which is quite interesting and a number of conversions have taken place, and we do hope and pray that Christians will hold on to the arm of the Lord, until this whole region shall be deluged with his Spirit. At Utica is a protracted meeting in progress and a great many souls have already submitted to the Lord. At Camden also a protracted meeting is in progress, and nearly 200 souls are rejoicing in Christ. At Little Falls two the meeting is going on. Our pastor is there, and accounts from them on Saturday last represent the state of things as peculiarly interesting, and quite a number of souls have been born again. A cloud big with mercies is hovering over this whole Presbytery, and Christians are beginning to hope that it must be pierced by the prayer of faith, and its blessed contents showered upon this whole region.

We trust him in an awful day. And God will call his people to a most signal account, for the manner in which they improve the glorious season he is giving them. The Church must buckle on the whole

harness prepared for the Orbit. A Mission protracted meeting is going on at Camden one also at Utica very interesting and one at Little Falls as I have before stated — Pray for us that God would continue his good work, and bring his people to feel that they must work or sinners will perish.

Our presbytery was in session week before last, and we have appointed delegates all good men & true.

Coe. Crane. Garrison & Nicholls — ministers
Myself & 3 other elders —

I don't know as I can go — but if possible I shall be there if not some better man than I must be sent.

I am extremely busy — but hope to hear from you soon. When I will write you a good long letter.

Your truly in Christian bonds,

R. P. Bolton

Remember me to Jonathan Hazeltine
J. Moore

B Plumson
Rome - Feby 20th 1832
Revivals Religion &c

E. J. Foote Esq
Post Master,
Jamestown.
Chatauque Co
N.Y.

Jamestown 8th March 1832

Jno W. Olcott Esqr -

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 29 Feb past with 1st List has just come to hand. I have sent your slips and Mr ~~Olcotts~~ Clarks to you. Three days since & another slip can not be found until the other returned. Yesterday - High water he has rendered our roads almost impassable

I believe the engraving good - But the Copper plate (as boys marbles) wore out & it has not given any where near the impressions warranted - ~~The paper~~ is a heavy item to pay for striking notes & preparing them for circulation - The paper is most indifferent & must have be replaced - $5 is charged for the seal & other engravers price the seal where they engrave the notes - If they would find paper & strike as many more impressions from the plate I would not accept of them as a donation - For the wear of the plate & for preparing for circulation is more than an equivalent for ~~for the difference of value~~ worth of such paper - The engravers by their profession are in duty bound to understand the quality of paper - We rely wholly upon them. They appear like worthy men & I presume they will be disposed to do us justice - That is all we shall ask of them - We shall send you few or no Jersey or Penna notes if accept per Mass Phila^a - In confidence I say to you in answer to your suggestions that I do not find our cashier such a man as I expected or as I could wish him to be yet I am not disposed to have contention or to suffer the Bank to be injured by it - The Bank & nothing but the Bank is the first thing to be kept in view - If I were to give particulars I presume we should have but one opinion - I hope I merit a lesson in politeness ~~Stockholders~~ for dictators - As to the responsibility of our debtors I do not believe any Bank can show better - I will not discount a note unless I believe good beyond doubt that as I would trust the same amount of my own money

Jamestown

Dear Sir your favor of the 25th did come to hand two days since but my absence occasioned by the sickness & death of my mother has prevented my answering earlier. As it regards our Bank I have the same confidence in its location & that I ever had. With good management I have no doubt of its yielding fine dividends and without running any hazard considering the Bank's circulation as yet is pretty fair, but yet are sensible no doubt that the present purpose hoarded notes have from other Banks unusually fast be so. We have not had a single dollar returned upon us cost of Bynder's mill exch 2 small ones from the Commercial Bank amounting in all to about $1,200!

The only returns by Banks upon us (except through other Banks) has been by the Buffalo & Branch Bank the latter by $35.000 & the former by $13.000 I presume a part of what the Branch sends upon us comes from other Banks. Erie Pa Bank I have lately sent through Branch Bk. Mr Joy sends most of our collections of Ohio notes to the Buffalo Bank. The Branch Bank through Judge Rochester a few days since proposed to me to redeem at their counter during 14 or 20 days & that they would take all of our Bk notes collected & thus the balance ~~daily~~ chg. us ~~1/4~~ per cent when we left the balance run. This is a branch which belongs to the Cashier to arrange & he appears quite partial to the Buffalo Bank & perhaps that is for the best. Mr Olcott informs me he will with your assistance circulate a considerable amount of our notes. I do not believe he has started a dollar bank as yet. yet I may be mistaken. The engravers have sent their bill. We are dissatisfied with it & shall probably refer it to you and Mr Olcott to settle as you think best. I know you are our friend & our interests are mutual. I shall propose this course to the Board & presume it will be adopted.

Low the amount of our discounted bills ~~you will see that we~~ the heavy call which we shall have in a few days for running lumber we shall probably want for $30 to 50,000 of notes rediscounted - This will relieve us this time much and it will be better for you to discount at 6 per cent than to loan at 6 per cent annual interest - You speak of the price of drafts - The Bank of Buffalo asks twenty per cent and if we go much higher our own notes will be cheaper in Buffalo. We have some heavy sums of lib proper from our lumbermen in June & July & shall then be able to make pretty good remittances - At present we do not get lots of proper in other states.

Sent a note for $10,000 on int from the of Dec. last at six per cent due the first day of July next.

Copy
to E Cornell in answer
to his of Feby 25th
(Autograph holly)

Utica Apr 9. 1832

E. T. Foote Esq

Dear Sir

I have this moment rec'd your favor of the 5th inst. I saw the article to which you allude in the Albany Argus. It was extracted from the C. & E. and promptly denied by the authority (I presume) of L. Bradley & N. Clark. No one believes the ridiculous story and on the appearance of your statement the ~~ridiculous story~~ calumny will receive its quietus. Should it become necessary however I will procure its insertion in the Observer.

The matter of falsehood of an unprincipled opposition meets us at every turn and every public man must make up his mind to share it. It sometimes makes me sick of this vile world.

Yours as Ever

T. A. Hubbard

Dear Sir

Ramapo Works Rockland Co
N. Y. Sept 8. 1832

I have been wanting to write a long time back but pressing engagements have in this period so much so as to excuse myself hitherto, I have now arrived at something like a fair experiment with the Nailer, The plan will prove entirely successfull — it was first fitted with nail plates which through an imperfection in the making of it soon distroyed, we have now prepared it for rail road spikes wishing to put it at work as soon as possible have dispensed with indented side rollers so the machine forms head only on 2 sides of the spikes (thus) it then passes the heading operation by flattening the top of the head by which the projection on the other 2 sides is made round for the machine will be prepared by rolling which adds no expence to ordinary rolled iron of small sizes for it passes through the machine at the same heat & consequently subject to no warts & with this machine iron may be left in shape as above as well as in the rod in point of labour — for the present & until we have time to build a large Toggle header we shall head by hand with a drop prop header (but little expence) a man will head a ton a day in this manner — the machine would cut up & shape iron for a number of ordinary rolls as you know that iron passes a number of times through rolls to reduce it whereas once through this thing gives it the finish — some trifling alterations ~~with~~ we think will still improve it, which will occupy my attention next week together with fitting up heading & have now fixed on Monday week after next (now Saturday) for taking leave of Ramapo & setting my face homewards — The small rivit machine is also done up, I shall bring up some samples of rivits — I am not suited with the application of the toggle joint in this machine & do not intend it shall ever see the light for altho it makes rivits pretty glib yet having to wait on one pair of shears (cuts both ways however) to cut the wire it does not bring out the Toggle at all it only demonstrates the prop but keeps the speed in the dark, which is by the way the grand disideratum — as speed in this day of labour saving machinery is of more importance than saving of power for it is necessary ~~to~~ not to hold on upon an article but a short time to make it profitable

I have within a few days projected a method of making a machine that by substituting different dies, Rivits, wood screws, pins, J—e, & Coining money, can all be done with the substituting, trifling fixtures & altho I shall pursue the present plan in the J—e machine having nearly accomplished one section of it yet ultimately I shall be able to improve it very much I have had a rich vein come across me the last week having regained my health which had been impaired by hypo & a constant hum of Cholera—

I find however myself engaged in a more tedious undertaking than I at first conceived it to be it will take some years to push these operations through I have been urgently beset by Mr Pierson & Mr Lord to move my family here on the ground this fall & the arrangement appears almost indispensible for six months or a year to come but I have a family & must stand advised by them in this particular— One of two things must be done I must either commence on a large scale of building machines at Jamestown or spend most of my time here— The great objection to an operation there is the loss & absence of the great experience & economy of the Judge Pierson I must say that no blacksmith man at the west possesses the qualifications of this gentleman to manage with economy an undertaking where labour is to be expended, 40 years experience in a manufacturing establishment has educated him with that kind of an education that would enable him to manufacture when his tact & experience would loose ~~it~~ fail— An other objection is the absence of plenty of workmen, want of tools & other conveniences &c &c— I am upon the whole rather unpleasantly situated as to going on with my undertaking— I want to make one remark which is as full of truth as ever was ~~spoken~~ spoken by a man that possesses no more observation than I do— to wit— that no great extent prizes can well be executed with the cumberance of a family— A man completely bars himself (agreeably in some respects to be sure) by binding his best energies to the cares of a family the attentions necessary to such a state, absorb and

overwhelm the important things — & allow me to advise you if you have not yet accomplished your heaviest plans to remove a married state beyond the time you anticipate it will take to accomplish them, I make these remarks in no disparity to my family, for the very fact of having a family produces associations & ties that in these times thwart & hinder, for the deeper these associations are the more they encumber & so it goes on in this situation is not always free to prosecute his plans much less to project them — I am engaged in an operation that events to be pursued in with the greatest inflexibility but the whole story is told when I say that I must stand advised by my family, a beyond my duty, my control —

I think I shall take the southern tier of counties home —

I have nothing new in relation to politics Anti Jacksonists are growing in confidence of their success daily Mr Lord who has been here at the works a few days on a visit has been free in expressing his views, to wit a preponderance for Wirt, that at all events from the country from Mr Clay & Jackson in, he calculates on a majority to elect it of 56 electors, our state ticket must carry if any Clayman opposes, it will be at the least there they will do no harm in relation to electors, there will be no misgivings in relation to Clayman this evening but no Clayman here has any idea that Wirt will be prominent, think that every movement has been directed to the advancement of Clay, if this is a delusion it should not be hoped to disappoint — the Anti Masonick party should exercise much prudence up to the crisis — As the Cholera is dying away I have no apprehension that you will feel it at Jamestown — Abroad we have nearly all returned to the city & business has been resumed as usually brisk for this season of the year — the horror of Cholera has ceased with the discontinuance of the report of the board of health — I expect to be full of business when I get home, I hear you have scarce times for money — have heard of the change of politics of Cols. Bullong this is every week — A Plaster, Esq. } yours truly Thos. W. Lawrence

J. M. Harry

Kittanning Works
Sept 10 5

Paid 25

Dr Alvin Plumb Esq
Jamestown, Chautauqua Co
N.Y.

Meadville Sept. 10th 1832

Dear Brother

I just take my pen to inform you that I have received and read with lively feelings the various communications from my kind friends in your village - and feel thankful for the good feelings and wishes they manifest - but I did not receive any of those letters until after my return from the Westfield, had I received them before I left home I should have visited your place before I should have fixed my location - but such was the arrangement of the District by Br. Mack that it is impossible for me to alter it the present year - as our Conference year will be but Eleven Months and I will be at a quarterly Meeting every Sabbath in the year - they did not let me have the least intimation of my appointment, nor any part in the arrangement of the District, or I should have laid my plans, for to have located in your village but to take my family there under the present state of the district, would be to remove my self from home all the time - as I ~~could~~ should be under the necessity of attending to North East - Erie - Springfield and Cambridge Circuits at one time, which would take me four weeks from home ~~at~~ ~~time~~ - next I should have to take Youngsville - Smith port and Napoli Circuits in another tour taking me three weeks from home - leaving only Forestville Westfield and Jamestown Circuits from which I could return and spend a day or two with my family - this to me would be a great affliction - in the present weak and feeble state of my family - while at Westfield with my family I can return and spend two days in each week with ~~my~~ them from Forestville - Jamestown - Westfield - North East - Erie Springfield and Cambridge - leaving only Youngsville - Smithport and Napoli to be taken in one round

Thus you will perceive my Situation and what
renders it still more Difficult if the whole town of
the District, has to be made this year once in every two
week, leaving not even one Sabbath to myself - my
Relation to the People of Jamestown, and my full Conviction
of their Long and tried friendship; for me would
induce my Family and self, to move to Jamestown, yet my Duty
to my Family, forbids my Location where I would have
to be away from home so long at a time especialy
when my Duties can be Performed, and me be much
more frequent with my Family from another Place -
such is my Situation, My Relation as A Husband, Father and
and Christian and especialy a Christian Minister whose
Duty takes me so much from home all unite in teaching
me that in the Location of my Family I should seek the
Place where I can be most at home, with my little
Family - I Intend the Lord Willing to visit
Jamestown as often as it will be possible according
to my other Duties and it is my present Intention to
arrange the District by an other year so that I
may Locate at Jamestown if I find it best
I shall try and preach for your villagers on
Friday Evening the 12th of October next when
we can talk more fully on these matters you
have my Sincere thanks for your Long and
Indulgent Friendship as I hope God may Bless
you abundantly with that Grace and wisdom
necessary to steer the Bark safe into Port where
the Distinguishing traits of Sectarianism will be
Lost in the Ocean of Divine Love from yours
Truly J. T. Barris

N. B please give my Christian Love to all my
old friends and to your Companion
J. T. B.

Rev I. S. Barris
Sept. 10th 1832
as to location &c

Mr. Alvin G. J. Stock P.M.
Jamestown
Chautauqua Co. N.Y.

Free

Meadville
Pa

Fairfax W. Va. Dec. 27th 1832

Hon. E. T. Foote Esq

Dear Sir: Yesterday I received a notice of the protestation of my note at the Ch. Co. Bank from Mr Shelton and a letter from the Cashr giving particulars respecting it &c. The reason of my addressing a line to you sir is because you are well acquainted with the circumstances of my giving said note. Altho' I well know, that I am holden to pay the note I never expected to be called on for the following reasons. Mes Grout & Kellogg (as you know by their own confession) were owing me $1000 to be paid on the 1st day of Sept. and wished to obtain the money at your Bank but not succeeding in their own name, a proposition was made, that I should be the drawer of the note and they (G. & K.) endorsers with the understanding that they should pay the note when due. I had the utmost confidence to suppose that Grout & Kellogg would pay the note, or so arrange it as that I should have no trouble about it whatever, and I have their written obligation so to do. I find, however, myself mistaken and am now called on for the payt of said note, and what to do I know not. I have commenced a little business in this place

I have no funds at all, and a stranger and which way to turn I cannot tell. I feel very much chagrined in being in this situation, and I feel very much disappointed in the conduct of G. K. Knowing that Mr Kellogg has received many favors from me in days that are past and gone, which he will acknowledge. All I can say, is that I solicit your interference in my behalf upon the subject and will you sir oblidge me in the premises. I know not what to do as I observed before, as I have no money and no means, at this time, of raising any. What can I say more. Will you sir have the goodness to try and get Grove Kellogg to settle this business. If you will effect an arrangement of this matter, any remuneration consistant with philanthropic or Christian principles, I shall be willing to make. I wish sir that you would see Mr Kellogg or Grove O Kellogg and use your influence with them respecting this business. Why I solicit your assistance so strongly is because I know somewhat of your influence in your vicinity and with the Bank. If nothing else can be done, I suppose that I must come and attend to the business myself but in what way I know not and the expense of my coming to Jas town set aside the time would be 50 or 60 dollars, and the situation

of my affairs in this place is such that it seems almost impossible for me to make such a journey at the present time I am very much obliged to Mr Patterson for his proffers & assistance in arranging this affair for me with G. & E. and probably shall be very happy in receiving it & they will not pay the note, Mr Patterson also writes that the cost already made, he will get out of G & E this is fine also. Now know very well Sir (if you know any thing about my manner of doing business) that I do let my affairs go at loose ends but wish to keep all things straight. I wish, that there be no more cost, and write you Sir, would write me a line expecting the business whether you will oblige me in attending to this matter and if so whether you succeed or not and if not please give me some advice and instructions, and I can do I will as I am very humble Servt

Nathan Sallin

Luther Lakin
letter
Grant & Kellogg Bankers

Fairfax Vt
Dec 28th

Hon. Elial T. Foote Esq
Postmaster
Jamestown Chau Co
N. York

Smyrna Chenango Co
March 27th 1833

Dear Brother in the best of bonds

Having just received your welcome epistle of the 9th I hasten to acknowledge it and to return you my heart felt gratitude for the interest you take in my welfare and that of my family. I have long felt it my privilege to write you respecting the state of Zion in this place. You will readily recall, to mind the state of the Ds feeling at the time you left us, the week following was a time of deep interest with him, Mr Hull and wife Mr Littlejohn and sister, came to our house the day that you left us, and continued with us through the protracted meeting, (which continued untill the next tuesday) thus you see the continued goodness of the Lord to us Many were the prayers offered to the throne of grace in his behalf; and let me tell you for your encouragement to be faithful, that your pastoral address had a lasting effect on his mind and was a powerful means in the hands of God of bringing him to submission, to give himself as we humbly trust into the hands of his Saviour, and gives evidence that he has peace in believing O my friends praise the Lord, let all that is within me join to bless and praise his holy name

the Dr felt it his immediate duty to come before his family in prayer, which duty he attended with a great degree of cheerfulness the duty of uniting himself with the professed people of God likewise presented itself, and on this subject I have long wished to address you to lay before you the Dr trials in this respect and to ask your advice

The troubles that exist in our community with regard to Masonry and Anti Masonry have affected our Church and had well nigh destroyed it, and in order to keep peace the masonic part of the brethren, subscribed the articles, which are adopted by the Genesee Synod on that subject and they require all masons coming into the church afterward to subscribe to them, this the Dr says he can never do, our Church here is small we want his influence we want his help, and what is his duty, do advise in this time of trial, if he stands as he now is, he can exert but little influence in the cause of Christ, compared with what he might do, providing he in the strength of the Lord took up his cross and followed on after his master. Two weeks after you left him there were ten added to the Church, amongst whom were the Widow Brown, Mr Youngs Harriet Long, Mary Jane, and Mrs Pease, and daughter, Mr Lawson and wife stand propounded for admission and several others. Christians in this place find a great work remains to be done, many of satans servants

are verily industrious, in trying to destroy the efforts of the children of God to build the Redeemers kingdom, but if the professed followers of Christ are faithful they have nothing to fear. O my dear friends pray for us that we may be faithful to the end, that we may be able to do our duty to our children and train them for the Lord the state of their minds about as when you left us, Chester Hammond has lost his youngest son, of the scarlet fever, recently, - he died in the triumphs of faith, Wheelock Wales, died a short time since he had been sick a few days and the family were obliged to watch him constantly to keep him from going out he took advantage of the moment unperceived by them and ran out, they immediately followed him, he ran with the speed of a deer about 15 or 20 rods when he fell dead and was carried into the house a corpse; a loud warning to the drinker of ardent spirits —

I do not know that there is any essential difference in Mary Jane's health I think however for the week past she has not been quite as well pray that we may be resigned to the dispensations of Providence, come what may

My family join in sending their best love to your dear family I have not seen Mr Childs since I received your letter but be assured I shall do your errand to him and I presume he will be happy in writing to you - we find him to be a faithful minister of the gospel

My weary eyes admonish me to stop, but I must entreat you to write, and believe me yours in the best of bonds, in the bonds of christian fellowship Betsey Mead

Mrs Betsey Mead
from Homer Mar 27th
1837 - Religion

Elial T Foot Esq. P.M.
Jamestown N.Y.
Chautauque

Also

1 Bible Dictionary	62½	× 1 Geography Bible	50		1.12½
1 Helps	32	× 2 Helps	47		.79
1 Prayer Book	15	× 1 Evidences	30		.45
1 Manual	18	× 1 Guide	15		.33
1 Research	27	× 16 Union Question	200		2.27
1 Bud Reading Book					4
					$5.00

Recd Pay J. R. Allock Ruff. April 18 53

Bill Sundry [illegible]
from Buffalo Apr 18. 33
$5.

General Land Office.
5th June 1833.

Gentlemen,

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance and civilities, the Hon. Elisl T. Foote, of Chautauque County, New York, who will visit your section of Illinois, and will probably have some business to transact at your office. Any attentions and facilities which you may afford him, consistent with your public duty, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Your Obt. Servt.
Elijah Hayward

To the Register & Receiver
of the Land Office
at Quincy.
Illinois.

1834

Prof Jeremiah Day
Yale college

Yale College Feb. 1st 1834.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiries in your letter of Jan'y 20th this day received, permit me to state, that I find from our catalogue of graduates, that the Rev. Benjamin Doolittle was graduated here in 1716; being one of a class of three, all of whom become clergymen. Mr. Seth Field was graduated here in 1732. I have no further knowledge of either; and I know of no papers belonging to the college, from which I can obtain any further information concerning them.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
Jeremiah Day

Rev. J Day DD
as to the graduating
of Rev. B Doolittle & Seth Field,
Doolittle graduated in 1716
Seth Field in 1732

Mr. E. P. Foote P.M.
Jamestown
Chautauque Co
N.Y.

NEW HAVEN
FEB
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Westfield May 16th 1834

Dear Br. Foot

I received your letter this morning. As to the money do not put yourselves to any inconvenience as I will endeavour to get along without it till the meeting of Rec. tho'it would have been a matter of some convenience to have had it sooner. I did not know but you had the sum already made out as Rec. from that Sources it was coming so that upon my application you could as readily forward it now as a few weeks later. But unless I am more pressed than I hope to be between this & the time of meeting of Rec. I will endeavour to get along without it. If my necessities should become imperative I will drop you a line. You will not of course take that amiss. I am glad if you approve of my decision to labour among you more at least as an Evangelist in this region. I had supposed that there was a want of agreement in wishes & sentiments among my Ministerial Bruth. and the Chs in this respect I should have certainly negatived their application. I can encounter fearlessly the opposition of the wicked but I have no heart to face my Brethren. I hope we shall see richer displays of Sov. mercy this year in the Salvation of sinners than we have witnessed at any former period. Think if we are sanctified it will be in our own bowels" and not in the blessed God. If we are all prepared to give ourselves anew to the work we shall see his Salvation — Just

Not that I should expect any one to go from a
Meeting to another but what I mean is
Some two or three lay Brethren from a
should lend us them aid and cooperate
at each successive Meeting. For instance
if a Meeting is held in your vicin
some one or two or three Brethren in your
Village should volunteer their Service
and stand by while the Meeting continues
I would not as a general principle give
much for a Br. to come in & stay a
or two. But more of this when I see
If there is a call for any Meetings in your
Section of the Co. you must throw in your
applications as you know we are under
the necessity of keeping appointments some
weeks ahead. I think as a general thing
will not be best to have over two Meet
follow one after the other in the immediate vi
ity. The reason is obvious I must give the
Brethren time to rest and to attend to their
own people. And I wish if possible
have the work so divided that one
ministerial Br. if possible shall stand
by me from the beginning to the close of the
Meeting. I pray God that there is so much
harmony and good feeling among us in
this region as yet. And my prayer is that it
may be abiding. My greatest fear is that we
shall get lifted up and God will have
to stop the Chariot wheels till he can
bring us all into the dust again.

As to the closing remark in my letter
which led you to a train of thought relating
to the existing state of things among you I
am not aware what it was. If I said any
thing without due reflection or that savored
of unkindness I can heartily ask pardon. I
have for two to walk together they must
be agreed. As to the necessity of the Service
among you I am not prepared to offer an
opinion. The reason is I have heard only

one side of the subject. I did not much
expect that the meeting would bring you
together again so as to make you one Chh
But I did hope it would soften the
asperity and unkindness prevalent, so that if
it were deemed expedient for you to be
two distinct Religious Communities you
might dwell together in peace and love
I have now of the feelings of a Partizan
as yet I am you all as brethren. I have
a strong desire to see the Kingdom
of Christ built up in Jamestown. One
serious difficulty now is the fact that
Brother is at war with Brother. — but many
As to the circulation of the Evangelist
my views perfectly concur with yours.
I regretted when the Agent of the Abnegan
was thro' this region last fall. Br Gregory
I believe intends to do something to encour-
age the more general circulation of
the Evangelist. The paper as a whole
has my hearty approbation. I dislike
Morse's time serving policy. Look at
his course with respect to McDowall's
journal. Look at his publishing garbled
accounts of Rumsels for fear that he
should tell his readers that there was
an Evangelist on field or some other
monster in human shape. I have
no personal feelings about this at all
as to my own name I am very far
from itching to have it go before
the publick. I will suggest to Br. G.
Adair of North East what you have
written In haste Yours &c

E. T. Foot Esq. S. G. Orton

At a meeting of the Congregational church at Jamestown, at the close of public worship, Lord's Day Sept. 1st 1833, for the purpose of appointing a delegate to the Buffalo Presbytery, the following resolution was adopted: –

"This church having on the 27th. day of June 1818, adopted a resolution in the following words 'That this church unite with the Niagara Presbytery;' and doubts having arisen, especially since some recent discussions in the General Assembly, in relation to the true nature of our connexion with Presbytery, and the extent of our rights and privileges in consequence of such connexion, the church having been at the time of its union with Presbytery, and still being strictly congregational in its form of government, and never having appointed a standing committee agreable to the plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists; Therefore, resolved, that our delegate be instructed to inquire of Presbytery what our situation in relation to that body is; what rights and privileges, we, or our delegates have in consequence of our connexion with it; and whether Presbytery have authority to hear and try appeals from the decisions of this church. –

A true copy from the Records,

A. Hazeltine Clerk –

Judge Foote, you will find the church records if you wish to take them to Presbytery at my brother Daniel's. –

A. Hazeltine.

Resolution - Letter &c. to Convention of Ch. & Presbytery

Charles Beach

Pike (Allegany County) Dec. 25th 1834

Hon. Elisha T. Foote:

Dear Sir. So many years have passed, since we last met, that you will, perhaps, with difficulty recollect that we were once partially acquainted in the towns of Sherburne and Smyrna. The object of this communication is not so much for the purpose of reviving any recollections of the past, as for an other object which I will briefly state. The pecuniary embarrassments of the society, with whom I have been connected as their minister, together with the fact of my depending upon my salary for my support, led me to close my labours at that place. I came here by request & the people are desirous that I should remain with them. But the circumstances of my family justify me in seeking a location, where my children may enjoy the benefit of better schools than those which they have here. Some other circumstances render it not such a place as I should choose, if I might be allowed to select. A friend in the ministry has informed me, that they were desirous of obtaining a minister in Jamestown. And knowing that you were a leading member in that

Church. I took the liberty of addressing you, for the purpose of saying, simply, that I was at present disengaged, and should remain here a week or two longer. Should Jamestown be vacant, as my friends suppose, and the people wish to make any communication to me; a letter addressed to me at this place, would be duly attended to.

I am wholly unacquainted with that church and know not what encouragement or cooperation they would afford a minister in his arduous work.

In haste

Yours respectfully.

William M. Adams

Rev Wm M Adams
from Pike Ny
Dec 1834.

Auburn Dec 24 1834

Mr Foot

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the board of Directors of the Western Education Society held at Dr Richards Study on the 18th of Dec 1834 you were duly appointed a member of the examining Committee of the Western Education Society for Chatuque County and its vicinity. And being hereby duly notified of your appointment you are requested to attend all the meetings of that body and assist in the duties and deliberations devolving on it

Eliat T Foot

A. Scofield Cor Sec y

My best regards to Dr Gillett and please say to him that our treasury is low

Mr Roots Albany Feb. 9. 1833

Bill of Chandler & Spurley

1 Cloth Mortar	[illegible]
1 Wood Rule	[illegible]
1 Pencil Line	[illegible]
1 Reflecting Level	[illegible]
1 Spring Magnet	[illegible]
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Sund School agent
Bill of Books to
E T Foote
$1.36

E. T. Foote Esquire First Judge of County Courts

Dear Sir I intended to have seen You at Mayville before the boat started for Jamestown but did not arrive in season. I hope You will attend and witness the Execution of Joseph Damon which is to to take place on the 15th inst. and be here at 9 o'clock in the morning in Order to Walk in the procession

Your Compliance With the above request will gratifyl Oblige Your humble Servt.

William Sexton Shff

Mayville May 12th 1835

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E. T. Foote Esquire
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First Judge of County
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From Rev Hiram Eddy

Hamilton College Sept. 21st 1835

Estimed brother & benefactor,

I arrived here the fifteenth inst. & become a member of Hamilton College the Saturday & now is the first leisure moment I have had since I left home; & that leisure shall be occupied in writing to you - I was examined by Profs. North, Catlin & Tutor Root - My pronounced examination good in every thing but in Greek, in which I expected to be deficient, but I hope by diligence and assiduity to soon make up that deficiency - I estim all the faculty very highly indeed, especially those with whom I am acquainted - Profs. Avery & Lathrop I am not as yet acquainted with - But if what is stated I hear is true, I shall dislike Lathrop very much, or in other words I shall dislike his unstable principles & absurde inconsistances; for one moment he is distinct in principles, & yet he performs the whole routine of duty in the Chapel, which devolves upon a Professor - Nothing looks more heavenly daining & [illegible] pronounced to me - If this thing is true of him, what an awfull tribunal awaits him, at the flaming bar of retributive Justice! What! (Make a mock of the Almighty Jehovah, for the the delusive honors & shining dust of this world! O how base! I would not willfully mock my God, my Saviour, my All for all the diamonds that glitter, & for all the honors of earth, which gainsay & charm the mind & mortles. But the erudition of Prof Lathrop is extensive and polished, & his gentility & etiquett is equalled by none - Pres. Dwight has resigned & left the place in mourning - Upon one side of his goods has been erected a flag streaming in the air & thus pompously

dormant in the Action, while the Pres. Ministry took a circuitous
route to avoid being involved as he said & was supposed. But
there was no thought of a motion in the town of Jamestown
but the feeling against him was & is universal & unmitigated.
I have not heard one word spoken in his favor since I have
been here. Mr Barnes & Mr Fenner, as you undoubtedly have heard
have been applied to as candidates for the presidency, & there is a
meeting this day of the board of managers in order to act upon
the business pertaining to the Presidency. I think either of the
candidates will add much to the reputation of the College;
but more particularly, Mr Barnes. I like the noble, broad
forehead of the man. There appeared to some of the young and
of Prof. being in the room. He is a graduate of this College
& early 15 freshmen commenced his calls & others in the advanced
classes. Things are going on quietly, & in fact those interesting
to the Presidency. I am well satisfied with my situation. Mrs
Heath never was better. Home sickness has been a stranger
to me as yet, except last Sunday morning, when I would
join with my brothers & sisters in prayer & praise in that humble
yet blessed prayer room at Vermilion. Religious here are
not very great as to meetings. Last Saturday evening I attended a
meeting of the students, which was a refreshment to my
soul, being the first of the kind I have attended since I left
home. I feasted upon it with unspeakable delight & satisfaction.
Last Sabbath, I heard an excellent sermon for one Prof. Porter.
He was solemn & eloquent, yet not reaching to the pathos and
sublimity of some of Mr Gillett's sermons. I do like ~~the preaching~~
the preaching of Rev E. F. Gillett. But I do wish he would familiarize
himself more with the social circles of his parishioners. I
believe it would add much to his usefulness in Jamestown.

I have arrived here, bought my books & furnished my room
& yet I have money in my purse for the present.
Dear Brother, a few more words & I have done. I am placed
in a situation where I need much holiness of purpose, in
order that I may pursue an unvariating course of consistant,
holy, obedient, circumspect & consistent walk before God & man.
It is my determination to use my abilities to accomplish this
object. The prayer of the righteous availeth much. I hope you
& my just your most fervent prayers & the prayers of the
church. O how ill prepared I am for the holy, responsible
duties of the ministry! I desire to be prepared in heart
as well as in head. I have time to write no more at
present. Give my best respect & respects to all inquiring
friends & Brothers & let me hear of my arrival & may God's blessing
forever be with you & yours & bless you &c

Yours in truth W. Colby

C. L. Foot.

I remain respectfully yours in truth W. Colby

N.B. Mr. Quigg's letters of resignation they say are
unfair & unjust & unkind, very much so. This I have from
them. I will be answered immediately I suppose

Mirian Eddy
from Hon College
Sept 1835

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Hon. E. W. Foot P.M.
Jamestown
Chau. Co.
N.Y.

Hon. E. T. Foot Esq.

Meadville Sept 1835.

Dear Sir,

The Allegheny Literary Society of Allegheny College, knowing your Merits as a Member of one of the learned Professions, & as a lover of Literature, has elected you to the Seat of Honorary Membership.

A line from you Sir, Signifying your acceptance of the Same will be deemed highly flattering to the Society.

We are Sir,

Your Obt. Ser.

H. L. Richmond.
O. J. Lane.
J. Brunson.

Com. Corr.

Meadville
27 Sept

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Hon. E. T. Foot. Esq. P.M.
Jamestown N.Y.

~~Per~~
~~Hayden~~

Sept. 1835
Certificate of Election
Member "The Allegheny
Literary Society of
Allegheny College"

To the Hon. the Board of Supervisors & Judges of the County of Chautauqua.

We the undersigned, would recommend to your Honorable Body the appointment of William P. Dix as a Commissioner of Deeds &c. for the Village of Forestville and Vicinity.

Hanover Nov. 5, 1835.

Teofre Hunting
John Clough
Warren Grisewold
David Sugman
Russell Spares
Jonas Palmer
Geo G. Wilcox
S. M. Prentice

John R. Rathbridge
Isaac Rathbridge
H. J. Norton
[redacted]
Edward H. Gaylord
Solomon Prentice
Benaja Hunting
Ethan Angell
Ezra Matters
John H. Mullins
James Rathbridge
Gilbert Travis
Hiram Travis
Chandler Scott
Shadrach Butler
S. P. Smith
W. Cornstine
E. G. Mizer
William Dix
Thos. Brittle
Charles Patterson
Wm Ferguson
John Patterson
Jacob Flafford
John Reed
Lovell Brown

Albany March 21. 1866
Ass'y chamber.

E. T. Foote Esq

Dear Sir

I hope you will bear with me. I think it unnecessary, to comment what might possibly be implied in my letter of Saturday. I think I then suggested the policy of your having a meeting — affirmed to the loan bill now before the Senate, & passing resolutions somewhat similar to Resolutions McCarty passed in Brown Co. I had not then read all those resolutions. I had heard them spoken of with approbation. I have since that they intimate something about repealing the law to enlarge the Erie Canal. Now it will not do for the S. Counties to mooot that question now. I presume this note is unnecessary, as you would be (if you have a meeting) discreet. There is much talking here on the subject of the loan bill, & several other subjects. Banks &c &c. When will our present financial system lead us to.

Yours &c

R. P. Marvin

R P Marvin
Month 21 /36

Hon E J Foote
P M
Jamestown
Chau Co

St. Augustine E. Florida

July 9. 1835

My Dear Sir

In consequence of delicate health I have taken up my residence in this warm climate and although warm yet comfortably cool the greater part of the day from the sea breeze occasioned by the trade winds — In fact the summer has been very comfortable & more so than at Lockport — Our Orange Grove, the great ornament of the place was killed last winter — many had with stood more than one hundred winters — I have resigned the P. Office at L. and as the collector of this port is about to be removed in charge I am an applicant for that Office Mr Field says he left my name at the Dept in June — There are a number of applicants and the one who is strongest will get it (so says the Secy) — Now may not ask your friendly aid in this matter?

Your acquaintance would enable you to do much for me — A strong letter to some influential gent. at Wash'g or by any of your friends would have weight with the Pres.t — I hope you will consider me too unreasonable to make this draft on your friendship — My health is such that I can bear no fatigue yet could do all the duties of this office easily — and having a family it is necessary to provide for it —

Mr. Clark will return here again this fall as Pres.t of his new trust Company of $2,000,000 — $400,000 paid in allows them to commence operations with Banking privileges & to purchase & sell Lands — I think Mr. Field will come as cash. — This will be great stock, and is already pretty much taken — I believe all engaged. — Some men in Wall Street take $100,000 each —

Hope to hear from you that all is prosperous in Jamestown, — that you have complied with my request &c —

If Mr. Shepard is with you

have the goodness to make my kind regards to him —

I am Dr. Sir,
Your friend &
Humble Sr
W. W. McKee

E. F. Foote Esq

M M Tucker
St Augustine, Fla.
July 1835.
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Hon. E. T. Foote, P.M.
Jamestown
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E T Foote Esqr. Jamestown Decr 29. 1835.

I have not heard any thing from Batavia since we returned if you have please inform me by return of mail

We have our Meeting to appoint delegates on Saturday — we shall send a strong delegation our billings are opposed to doing anything but the town generally are very much engaged on the subject & will turn out strong

yours respectfully
S Barker

P.S. I have just been informed that Peacock makes money again on contracts that are not run out

Geo L Barker
on the prospects of the
Mayville land Company
Dec 24 1835

I carry the terms of Settling Land Contracts
Given. Judge Osborne
Judge O refuses to act as agent

Mayville March 2d 1836

D. Lin. I returned from Batavia on Monday, & found your letter of the 18th. Monday I was confined to my house by sickness, & yesterday was our town meeting, which passed off in an easier manner. I have under Mr. Cary's hand the following terms.

1 To establish an agency in Mayville as soon as practicable.

2. On all contracts, whether expired or not, to permit the settlers, within 6 months from the 1. March to come forward & pay

1. Principal & interest & receive the deed, or

2 To pay at least the int. on the amt, & have contracts renewed for 3 to 5 years or

3 To pay part, & receive deed, & give bonds & mortgages for the balance time & same terms.

So the abominable & infamous tariff goes in the bond, & with it the compound interest.

As to the agency, you may be assured of one thing, Mr. Peacock will not be the man. I thank you sincerely for the good opinion & kind wishes you express towards me, but I frankly say to you, that no sum on earth, would induce me to take it. It is out of the question. I am unfitted for it by education, habits & disposition. Who will be selected I know not, nor can I conjecture. Has we not best go in strongly for the Portage Bank? Would it not help our local interests? Give me your views.

Cordially Yours

J. A. Bloom

(CIRCULAR.)

JAMESTOWN, CHAUT. Co. Jan. 12, 1837.

SIR—

The present unequal mode of distributing the revenue of the literature fund, has long been a source of complaint on the part of the incorporated Academies, which by the rules of the Regents of the University, are not permitted to subject themselves to their visitation, and participate in the benefit of said funds, unless they have an annual income (arising from a permanent investment) of $250 a year. Many of the most flourishing Academies in this state are by these rules excluded from the benefits of the literature fund and great injustice done. His Excellency, the Governor, in his recent message, has very justly adverted to this subject. The matter has been discussed in this county, and the Academies not subject to the visitation of the Regents and the people are about petitioning the Legislature to correct this evil; and *that all incorporated academies which have the necessary buildings, &c. free of incumbrance, and a regular classical school, have the privilege of subjecting themselves to such visitation, and have their just proportion of such funds.* We therefore suggest the propriety of your also petitioning the Legislature upon this subject *without delay*, and that the people in your vicinity do the same; and urge upon your representatives their co-operation in procuring the passage of the law, and an addition to the literature fund from the interest of the surplus revenue.—From an examination of the reports of the *favored* Academies, it will be seen that in many cases their permanent investment is a mere show, yielding no income whatever, and their buildings and apparatus are not unfrequently much inferior to other Academies not under the Regents.

Very respectfully, your most obedient.

Albany March 13th 1837

E. T. Foot Esq

Dear Sir

You undoubtedly recollect that in the fall of 1834 Benjamin Douglas — Sheriff of Chautauqua Co. by your recommendation ordered a Bell for the Court-house of said County. I sent the the Bell agreeable to order but forgot (in the hurry of business) to weigh it. The order was that it should not exceed fifty Dollars. I have repeatedly written the Sheriff and requested him to weigh it the the thing could be settled (and have received no answer. Mr Douglass wished me to put the Bell at Cash price and the Cash would be sent by some member from that County — which has not been done. If you are not in possession of sufficient information your self please make some inquiry about the transaction and drop me a line and bury much oblige Your

Obt Servt

Lewis Aspinwall

Bell Founder

Albany

To the Honourable the Judges and Board of Supervisors of the County of Chautauqua.

We your petitioners, inhabitants of the Town of Hanover in said County, viewing it important that one of the Superintendants of the Poor should be located in the North part of the county would respectfully recommend Daniel Parker as a proper person to fill said office and would earnestly solicit his appointment.

Hanover Nov. 11th 1837.

Names	Names
	Albert A Camp
	Luis B Grant
	Benajah Tubbs
	N. Prixer
	Mr Robert C
	James Knapp
	Elijah Dewey
	N. Sawyer
	A M Bloagett
	A. G. Cass
	Adolphus G Monroe
	Ellis Spencer
	John Hulbert
	Robert Radmore
	Lines Lines
	William S. Haymond

Petition of inhabitants
of Harrover for the ap=
=pointment of D Barber
Superintendent of Poor –
Nov 1837

Hon. Glenni W. Scofield
In Congress from Warren Pa

Haw. Coll. March 15th - 38

Dear Sir -

If you will take the trouble to inquire & write me, whether I shall or not expect an answer from Gen Allen to the letter I sent him three months ago, you will oblige me infinitely - Suspense has been far more painful than a prompt denial - Were he aware of the distressing anxiety his delay has caused me, I am sure he would have forwarded me some kind of an answer - The present Term closes the last of this month If it is possible send me a reply before it closes, for it would be criminal to continue here any longer, injuring my reputation & abusing the lenity & friendship of those to whom I am indebted

This, mark! is not to renew my solicitation to Gen. Allen for I have become almost careless about his decision. My mind is made up - if his decision is favorable I shall stay in College - if not, I know of no other way to support my character for honesty & maintain a proper regard for my own peace than to leave my present pursuit for one that will not create a thousand wants it cannot supply & demand me with cares that retard my daily studies, & even haunt my repose at night

With great gratitude for your kindness

I am sincerely yours

G. W. Scofield

Hon. E. T. Foote

Fort Madison
Lee Coy Iowa
Edwin Guthrie
Alfred at Newark
Ohio

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Mon Coffroth Esq P.M.
Pennsylvania Co Pa.

H. M. Schofield
Letter
Clinton Mar 15/38

Clerk's Office
Chau. Co
May 7. 1838.

E. T. Foote Esq

Sir,

Lot 15. E. side Pine St. was conveyed by Prendergast to Disher 16. April 1816. as appears of record, but there is no record of any conveyance of the Lot from Disher. I presume the grantees of Disher, like many of their neighbors, neglected to have the Deed recorded, as there has been more negligence & remissness in that respect in our village of Jamestown, than any other place in the County.

Yours &c

G. W. Tew

G. M. Dow
Chf Clk office
Mayville Chaut Co
May 7th 1838

Hon. E. T. Foote P.M.
Jamestown

Wam. Coll. June 24th 1838.

Hon. C. F. Foote

Dear Sir — I thank you kindly for the promptness with which you responded to my inquiries. It freed my mind from the painful suspicion & state of alternate hope & disappointment, which I confess, a mild but positive denial. I was not dissatisfied nor did I attach blame to any one — but when I saw my last though faint expectation disappointed & felt my last hope fade away in upon myself, my own reflections, I confess my sensations were anything but comfortable. I felt the more hurt because you intimated that perhaps I had indulged in unnecessary & unwarrantable expenditures. You know nothing of the schemes, the shifts & the almost niggardly economy I have practiced. Orlando Hawn Orlando Hawn expended $300 per year while here & the poorest student I know spends $150. Now I state from the Col. I. $75 yearly. Deducting from this my board & clothing, and then include expenses for text books, for lights, washing & wood, for literary society & class expenses, for room-rent & room furniture, for catalogues &c. & where is any chance for extravagancy. Besides these and there other expenditures which do not occur periodically & for which we can make no provision. For instance — The faculty often confer honors upon the best scholars, writers & speakers which are always attended with a good deal of expense to the student. My tuition is given me & I am confident that no other College is cheaper than this.

As to Oberlin my idea of it differs very much from yours. Perhaps I am mistaken but the students appear to me to be self conceited, visionary in their plans & rash in execution. I believe that Oberlin imparts a fierce enthusiasm for "doing good," but does it inculcate a mild & enlightened zeal? Do their students possess any of that high & holy liberality which originates

from heartfelt piety & modest wisdom. So I cannot believe that any change of institution would be beneficial.

I have conversed with the Pres. Dr. Perry. He says if I can devise any means of relief from my immediate wants, he can procure me a profitable school for well winter & give me leave to be absent one Term provided I will keep up with my class. This then is my plan for the present.

In one of my letters to Jamestown I wrote something about Mr. Lowry assisting me. Whether he was ever spoken to on the subject I know not, but suppose from your letter he has heard nothing of it. I have no doubt, but if you will present to him this letter together with the enclosed certificate from Prof. Lothrop, he will furnish something at least, for my benefit. He inquired of me last fall if I had been comfortable & said he would again assist me if necessary. The sums which I have received since I left the Academy are these. From Mr. A. Lang $20. at my departure 2 years ago. From Ex. Brown $15. & Ex. Nott $10. last fall. Making in all $45. Six terms of my college course are now nearly completed. Five only remain & if I lack one Term it will leave but four in which I shall be an expense. This time will soon be gone & if I am not compelled to leave before, I shall be able by teaching an Acad. to refund any sum which my friends may favor me with.

I set no particular amount I sent to Gen. Allen for $30. and although that is not sufficient to pay my bills, any sum it would be of great service.

The recommend is as stated above, from Prof. Lothrop. He is Senior Professor & the best acquainted with my standing in Coll. of any of the Faculty.

There is but 2 or 3 weeks more in this Term. It is of the greatest importance that I know what Mr. Lowry does before it closes.

Very Respectfully Yours &c
G. W. Scofield

Hon. C. T. Foote —

S. M. Scofield
Clinton
June 29th 1838

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Hon. E. T. Foote P.M.
Jamestown
Chaut. Co.
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Rev Milton Amy

Union College - Oct 6, 1888

Dear Sir

I received your very acceptable epistle some time since, and I now take pleasure in answering it. I am very much obliged to you, for your exertions in my behalf. Had it not been, that you had succeeded in securing appropriations for me from the education society, I hardly know what I should have done. You said in yours, that you called on Mr. B—, and that he was opposed to my going under the care of the Education society. Well, I can not help it - what he means I do not know. The whole family certainly act very singularly. You are doubtless aware that Mrs B— & her two daughters told and circulated many stories about me, that would tend to my injury, if blind I did not know of Mr Bullock's feelings towards me known, till recently. He appeared (as well as all the others to my face) very friendly all the time I was with him and also when I left for this place. He frequently spoke of assisting me. The morning I left, Mrs B— acted me very politely and apparently with friendly feelings to write to them after I arrived here. I told her that I would, and accordingly after I had been here some four weeks, I wrote to Mr B— with perfectly kind and friendly feelings. I addressed him and his whole family in as ~~[illegible]~~ gentlemanly a manner as I was capable - Last morning I had the mortification

I wish you would tell Mr Bullock to be careful of my character, for I do not intend to be put in Mr B's power. He is not a man to be trifled with. I know not what they will do, but I know I am not willing to be dragged from the pulpit in disgrace.

to hear that Mr B— refused to take my letter from the office — What reason I have given for such treatment I know not. I have always ~~taken~~ ~~sought~~ endeavored to please that family — and as it was remarked to me before I left Jamestown I think that I stooped to much to them. I doubt not, but that I have done wrong in many instances — I pretend to no perfection. But this conduct, I can say from a sincere heart, that, my intentions have been good — if I have erred, it has been in judgement. I would request it as a favor of you, to write me what they say concerning me and also whether their reports will injure me in the estimation of others in Jamestown. I speak of this to you, because I suppose you to be my friend and will not hesitate to tell me the whole, and also to say what you think I have best to have. You had perhaps better keep this within yourself for if Mr B— should hear that I had written to you on that subject, it would probably add "fuel to fire." But enough of this — —

Your advice was kindly received by me — I do endeavor to live near my saviour, and by God's assistance I intend ever to adorn my profession by a well ordered life. I am surrounded by temptations, and nothing but the Grace of God can keep me from yielding to them. It is the purpose of my life to live for him, who is the atoning sacrifice for "sin and all imcleanings". I claim an interest in your supplications, that I may discharge the vows I have taken upon myself in an acceptable manner. When I think of the vows and vows of a sinfallen world, I long to obey. My sins are not

command. But again when I reflect upon my own impulsiveness, and my heart wanderings from the fountain of life, I shrink back, and say the task is too holy for such a vile being as myself. All I can do, is to pray to God for more Grace, and I know that if I pray in faith believing, I shall receive. Trusting then in the strength of My "great high Priest" and "forgetting those things that are behind I press forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". I wrote to Mr Newton immediately after I arrived, and have received an intelligent from him you understand that he is not in Shelburne [illegible] that, I shall not fail of obtaining the appropriation from the society this month - if I should I shall be in rather hard circumstances. The college is much better than I expected to find it. The revival last summer has had a great and salutary effect upon this institution. There are now over 300 students in college and one half are thought to be pious. Meetings for prayer are held every evening at 9 o'clock in the different sections of the college. I have not heard 6 profane words since I have been here. If there is any dissipation in college I am ignorant of it. Please to remember me to your wife and also to your children. Please to write soon and state the particulars concerning what I mentioned. I am your obedt servt I Butler

E. S. Goodell

Milton Henry

Milton St Easy
Union College
Schenectady Oct 6/38

Hon. E. D. Rhodes
Dunkirk
Chautauqua
Co. N.Y.

Rev Milton Avery

Union Coll. Nov 22d 189

My Dear & Honored Sir

I remind you very kindly that I last writing with the money from Esq — I have received but to express my gratitude for the interest you have now manifested in my welfare and especially in this last instance. I shall ever look back upon the time I first became acquainted with you, in the pleasure. I sometimes feel as if I was alone in the world. Most of my relatives "have paid the debt of nature" yet when I reflect that their condition is far preferable (for they are christians I hope) to my own; I can not wish them back in this Tabernacle. My greatest desire is to live in such a manner, that I may at last be found among the "redeemed". The greatest earthly pleasure I enjoy is that derived from the society and intercourse of friends. But no more preliminaries — — The state of religion in coll. is about as when I wrote you last. There is indeed a heterogeneous mass, ~~here coll~~ there are some devoted and warm hearted christians. Some "lukewarm" - and some cold as the icebergs of Greenland. There are sinners who seem to be near the Kingdom of God - others, who are strictly moral as near as the imperfect judgement of man can decide on his limited vision are, and others, still (blessed be God they are few) who keep shame and reproach upon themselves - Coll. is indeed a hard place for piety - A student must fortify himself

with a double vale - I am determined to rise above the vanities of earth. I have enlisted under the banner of Christ, and for Him I intend to fight - The Christian warfare is indeed a glorious one - Pray not to pray, my Father in the Lord, that I may "fight manfully the fight of faith" - Coll. has lately been called to mourn the loss of Dr Potter's wife (Dr Nott's only daughter) She died in child birth - She was a lovely woman She has left behind her an example and influence which will long be remembered and felt - Society has lost an ornament - the church a devoted christian - but Heaven has gained a pure and bright intelligence -

She has left quite a family of children I never saw before such christian resignation as Dr's Nott & Potter manifested. The evening after Mrs Dr Nott. Dr Nott came into Chapel and performed his usual religious duties. And never shall I forget the expression of his countenance - His prayer - 'twas like an electric shock upon the students - 'twas not that his affliction might be lightened, but that the providence of God might be sanctified to those in his charge

Clear Coll. register is now at the point of Death It is quite sickly in the city -

This term closes next week - There is then a vacation of four weeks - I intend to find some employment from which I can earn something - If I can not I shall most likely visit Auburn again, as it will be quite as cheap as to remain here -

Esq Dixon's son of Westfield graduates here next fall. He has left Coll - and is now probably at home - He is a young man of good manners,

and stands high as a scholar. He is a professor of religion — an episcopal I believe. He thinks of going into the Ministry — if he should not, you could probably secure his services. I think, that he would please you. There are several young men who would either assist you. In scholarship they would meet your requisitions. In urbanity of manners and devoted piety they would stand the test of strict scrutiny. I have not the least doubt but that you can secure the services of some one from this coll. who will be qualified in every respect for an academical Instructor. I will use my influence for you, whenever you wish to obtain a teacher. I would like to hear how the church prospers. Has Mr Hawley been cut off? — You will please remember me to my friends. I hope you will write as often as convenient —

I am yours truly —

E. F. Foote — Milton Hung

P.S. I shall write to Esq Brown tomorrow —

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Hon. E. S. Foote. P.M.
Jamestown.
Chautauqua Co.
N.Y.

Mailbox Stamp
Letter
March 17 1839

Religious

Napoli 13th April 1839

Dear Brother

I feel extremely obliged to you for your kindness in answering my letter, and in interesting yourself for my son, as also for the information respecting his board at your Academy; most gladly would I avail myself of that opportunity to complete his education did my very straitened circumstances permit, but at present, it is impossible, my very small and precarious salary, together with some embarrassments in my temporal affairs compel me, though very reluctantly to forego the pleasure of educating my children as I could wish. Your kindness however my dear Sir shall not be forgotten by me. Should any opportunity occur by which I can repay it. I shall promptly avail myself of it.

I remain
Dear Brother
Yours with esteem
Wm Walsh

Hon. E. T. Foot

Springville Jan 30, 189

Bro Foote & Comp:

While at home recently, in view of statements which came to my ears, I was led exhibit disk manners toward you, when un providentially not, resulting from my peculiarities of feeling & sanguine temperament, were improper, unbecoming & wrong, which all much regret. And since you feel injured, I trust you will in view of this statement, pass it by forgive it.

Yours &c

A. Page Hawley

Bro Foote & Comp:

Mrs E. J. Foote & R. Jones
Cassadaga
Chautauqua Co
NY

Rec'd Payne & Hartley
to S 77 & N 2 Land
acknowledgment
Jan. 1839

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Albany 11 Jan 1840

Dear Sir

Yours containing the Petition was rec'd the subject will go to a select committee which is not yet appointed the Speaker is favorable to the object & I think will give us a good committee I have no doubt a majority of the House are in favor of reform but may disagree as to details. but I have my fears of the Senate. I fear whether we can get a Bill through that body that will afford any substantial relief, however the evil is a crying one and we must do the best we can Let me hear from you often I can think of nothing important to communicate

Yours Truly
O. Pendleton

Hon E T Foote

Dr O Bundrit
Jan 11th 1840
on legal reform

Hon E. T. Foote P.M.
Jamestown
Chautauqua Co
New York

Law reform County Clerks fees &c

Albany Jan. 17. 1840

E. T. Foote Esq

Dr Sir

Yours with the petition enclosed is rec.d I assure you, that it gives me much pleasure to receive & present petitions for Law reform, and I am gratified to see that the people are awake to the enormous abuses they have so long groaned under.

The select Com. on that subject is a good one. Mr. Hawley, the chr. is the only lawyer on it & he says that he is more radical on that subject than I am. But I find most of the Lawyers opposed, & some endeavor to suppress investigation by friends, but it must do, the abuses must be corrected. I anticipate strong opposition from the legal gentlemen.

In haste

yrs truly

Geo. A. French

Hon G. A. French
from Albany Jan 1840

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Hon C. T. Foote. P.M.
Jamestown
N.Y.

Albany Apl 2 1840

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 28th March is rec'd as to the application for a law to raise money from the County to build a Bridge at Westfield. I do not suppose there is any danger of any such law being passed, I should think likely that Dyson will be in favor of it, but it cannot pass our house, the commissioners to lay out the road from Works to the State line are appointed the Bill has passed that Bill was under the especial care of Mr French there was a strong petition & no remonstrants as I am told, I have Frem A. Plumb & P. Palmiter Esq are the commissioners, I am fearful that the questions of law reform will not be passed as they should be, there is a general feeling of the necessity of doing something but I fear difficulty in agreeing upon details. but the friends of the measure must

not despair a feeling is abroad that cannot be resisted & if we cannot get what we wish this year our chance will be the better next year.

The effort to divide our county cannot succeed there is among other objections one of a constitutional character the committee will report against it. The abolitionists are now holding a State convention here. they think of nominating a presidential ticket they propose to take one of their candidates for President from one of the great parties & their candidate for V President from the other I think it must be rather small business

Let me hear from you as often as convenient.

Yours Truly

Hon E. P. Foote

O. Burnett

D: O Benedict
April 2d 1840

Hon E. G. Foote P M
Jamestown
Chaut. Co
N.Y.

Washington

Apr. 13. 1840.

Dear Sir

I send you a copy of Smith's speech on the Seneca Treaty. I understand the committee on Indian affairs were unanimous against it. You will find the journal of the Senate on this subject in the Intelligencer of the 11th instant. It will probably be in the Globe soon. The resolution passed by the Senate is simply that the treaty with the amendments "have been satisfactorily amended to". This resolution was adopted by the casting vote of the V. P. I did not think the President would proclaim it as a treaty but he has done so. In haste Yours

A. P. Morrison

Hon E. L. Foote

R P Marvin
April 13th
Seneca Ind. Treaty
1840

WASHINGTON CITY D.C.
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R. P. Marvin
Esq.

Hon. E. T. Foote
Jamestown
N.Y.

Town House Jonathan
Ellicott

Albany Apl. 21: 1840.

C. J. Foote, A. Hazeltine, S. Barrett & S. A. Brown Esqs. Gent.

A number of weeks ago, and I cant say whether in Febry. or March a bill came into the senate from the house for repealing a law of last year for raising money in your town to build a town house. I caused it to be referred to the senators from our district. I found it unaccompanied by a Resolution of town meeting duly cert. by clerk. & Dort. Benedict having before bestowed my favorable attention to it — and nothing suspicious appearing about it, ~~and~~ it forthwith was passed into a law.

I am sorry it be so, if it is contrary to your wishes for it might easily have been defeated. In fact any bill before this legislature wants die a natural death, if not boosted forward by might and main. Business still accumulates upon our hands, and some of the most important questions remain on hand and some untouched.

We have yet fixed no time to adjourn but have settled upon a time to meet again as a court of errors, to wit, the 6th day of June next, and from present appearances there is a fair prospect of the two ends lapping onto each other.

Your obt. servt.

A. Dixon

A Dif on Engr
application for the
repeal of Town House law
1840

A. C. Flaggs
Letter June 1840
relative to Roger Heroes

Dr. Ethial T. Foote, P.M.
Jamestown,
Chautauque Co.
N. Y.

Mansfield
Lee & Olmstead
Bly 11 Lynn
Stamp Acadmy
Mansfield Illinois
Chaddie County

Hinsdale from whence its name ?

I suppose from Col Ebenezer Hinsdale
No town in England of that name
your town 1 in Mass & 1 in NY

When was your town incorporated ?
What the size of your town ?
How long does it lie on Conn River ?
What the general width of Meadows ?
What are the meadows worth an acre ?
What the population of your town ?

Hinsdale Cheshire County
Fort Dummer
Incorporated it 1753
Town 2 grist mills 3 Sawmills

New Haven July 29th 1840

Dear Uncle

I know not but I am a burden to you by my frequency of writing, yet as I have plenty of time I desire to do up as much of my writing as possible during vacation. I am at present in New Haven, where I have spent most of my present vacation, and that very pleasantly. I received both parts of the fifty dollar Bill, which I presume you have ascertained ere this time. I wrote a letter a few days ago to my Father expressly, as I understood he felt quite aggrieved to think I had neglected him. I had intended no neglect, and the feeling must have grown out of some misunderstanding. I trust my last letter home, will heal up all bad feeling.

I have also written to Nathan, as I understood by Sister, he had grown quite cold in religion. I was sorry to hear it, and I tried in my letter to encourage him. It seems we have not acted at all as brothers, since I left home. I have written but twice, and have received but one letter. I am determined it shall be so no more, and also feel ashamed of our past want of familiarity and brotherly affection. I wish you would see him and encourage him to do his duty as a Christian

For some time, I have been of the opinion, it not only has been, but is still his duty to preach the Gospel. Such Providence itself seems to dictate.

He has tried many kinds of business, and has been prosperous in none. Why is it? I fear he is not in the path of duty. If he is not, and continues to persevere, it is a chance if he does not lose his soul. How it would rejoice my heart, if he would come out, and enter with me into the Vineyard of the Lord. Do you recollect he once confessed in a meeting in your Church, that he was, when first converted, deeply impressed, that it was his duty to preach the Gospel. If so he can never run away from the call of the Lord. I wish you would talk with him on the subject.

As it respects myself I can say I am making some progress but alas how slow! While I am walking I should be running. I am resolved to strip myself for the race, and lay aside every weight that I may run the christian race with alacrity and delight. Every day I am more and more convinced of the need of deep, ardent, unfeigned piety, if I expect to preach the gospel with success.

Education may do much, but the spirit of God can do infinitely more. When I look at many of our great men, and see how little of the power of God attends most of them, I am led to stop and reflect. Why is it? It is because

depend too much upon their own strength
It is a great thing to live a humble christian
life — to ever feel our entire dependance upon God
and a well sinking into His. If we would
be truly great we can only do it by passing
through the vale of humility. Man fell from his
greatness by pride, and humility alone will
restore him. God grant that I may always
be found like Mary, at Jesus feet.

Write to me as
often as possible. Remember me to Aunt and the
family and other friends

Thy loving affectionate Nephew
Clinton W. Lee

To E. T. Foote

C. W. Scard
July 29th 1840

Free

Hon Ethel T. Foote P.M.
Jamestown
Chautauqua Co
New York

New York Sept. 5. 1840

My Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favour of the 26. ult enclosing certificate of Life Membership of the Chau. Co. Bible Soc. was rec. this day. It gives me pleasure to say that, the receipt of this paper, unexpected as it was, revives in my recollection one of the happiest days of my life — the occasion, of the first meeting of the society at Jamestown several years since — when in common with many others, I was admitted to life-membership by the payment of the small sum required by the by-laws. I have no doubt of the fact that, I might appeal to every person present at that meeting without fear of dissent, that it was was one of those extraordinary seasons of deep & absorbing interest, which seldom happen in the course of our religious experience.

It gives me unfeigned pleasure to observe in the proceedings of the society of late years that its interests and objects have not been neglected, and it has also given me great satisfaction to have noticed as I have done from time to time, by advertisements in your journals, that all of your religious & charitable societies have been sustained with a most excellent & commendable spirit — your system and manner of holding "The Chautauqua Anniversaries" at the large towns in succession, in a County capacity, is a valuable suggestion, and worthy of imitation by all country localities. If your system is in operation in other inland counties of this state, I am not advised of it, as I have seen no notice of the fact in our religious papers, & if not, the example of Chautauqua should be held up by a well written article on the subject for publication.

From early associations which we can trace back to childhood, the attention of Mrs H. & myself was early after the occurrence, attracted to the notice of the death of Mrs. Foote: The bereavement of an excellent wife & Mother in a family, can only be felt by those who have been called to experience it. I have always considered Mrs Foote's profession of Christianity to have been in great sincerity & devotedness; with her, religion, and religious duty, transcended all other considerations, and we had expected that her end would be, as we are happy to learn it was, of that character, to leave on the minds of her surviving relatives & Christian friends, the consoling evidences, that your severe loss, was her great gain.

Happily, our family have all been continued to us, no trial: therefore of our confidence in God to do all things right, has been put upon us, and in tendering to you our condolence as we sincerely do, I fear we shall never the less fall far short of appreciating the reality which the event must inspire in your own bosom.

This City in common with nearly all of the large cities of the Union, has been remarkably healthy, the past summer season; New York has been as pleasant as in country town — frequent heavy showers, of which we have been repeatedly blessed, contribute more than anything else to cleanse and purify our filthy streets & gutters; copious discharges of Electricity has softened down the usual intensity of summer heat reflected from our large masses of brick and mortar upon our iron capped streets: for several days past the thermometer has ranged at about 60. and were it not for the absence of that general identity of Autumn, "The sear & yellow leaf" we could hardly convince ourselves that we had just stepped upon the threshold of the delightful season of the year, the Fall.

Business in this City is unusually flat; there has been several influences at work to render it so, independent of political causes; which with those causes which are attributable to the effect of a change in our currency, has placed New York in a new position some what.

New York, the pride of our state, & the prominent City of Italy, has heretofore rested secure upon her great wealth & natural commercial advantages; since the completion of the Erie Canal she has been totally dead as to any prospective measures by which to perpetu=ate those advantages: In the first place I would men=tion the enormous price of ground Rent, as compared with the real value of buildings, and as compared with the rates of other Cities, is very much against her, it is an indirect tax upon her commerce of more than 10 Millions annually: The breaking up of the U.S. Bank, has circumscribed her trade [illegible] without which, or a substitute to equalize exchange [illegible] there will be a tendency to distribute trade along on the sea board into several points: The asperity of the South growing out of the Abolition question has a tendency to that effect: New York merchants have by the turn of times lost large sums, in bad debts and large ballances in her favour from men still in business at the South & West, is & has been the occasion of sending trade to other Cities: N. York has lost hundreds of millions in the fall of real estate (the foundation of much of her former wealth) thereby reducing her ability greatly: without a communication with the interior in the winter, while her neighbors have either been provided with, or soon to have one: falling prices in stocks & all fast property has the tendency now, that it always has, to lock up capital and prevent it in investments in regular trade, and is at the present time a prominent reason for her dullness.

All these causes combined, make up the array of her difficulties, but she is now waking up in one respect, from her false security; All are now zealous for a winter communication with the west and by the way which can be soonest accomplished (the Albany Route)

Read next ⅔. Boston is now her great Competitor, and will unavoidably divert a portion of her natural Commerce; The position of Boston at the present moment is singularly advantageous; She has not been crippled seriously in any form, her Capital undiminished, no fall in real estate, or losses at the South & west, she comes in for the Competition with great power; The Cunard line of steamers, carrying the Atlantic mail, itself an important advantage, recruiting 150 tons of Coal at Halifax (a clear gain in point of freight) lays a new foundation of Commerce for Boston; her western Rail Road to Albany extends & carries out the same plan.

Yours Truly Thos. W. Harvey

Albany Sept. 1840.

Hon. E. T. Foote
Jamestown, Chautauqua County N.Y.

Elias T. Foote
Post Master

Mr. Harvey
Boston
Sept 21st

Dr. Cates
Cr. Debts

Already is the establishing agencies at the west for the purchase of produce to be paid for in drafts on Boston, with the expectation that those funds will be worth more to the holders to lay out in goods at Boston than in N. York while they avoid by this management any loss of exchange or making bad debts. It is well conceived & no doubt will be prudently executed, & Boston will secure a diversion of trade, & extensive acquaintance before N. York can possibly prevent it.

Yours truly Thos. W. Harvey

Hon. E. T. Foote

P O Jamestown N York
Dec 1st 1840

P M Trenton N J

Dr Sir

Connected with a public investigation I am desirous of ascertaining the fees allowed by law in the several States for Recording of deeds & Mortgages

Will you inform me as to N Jersey - If you cannot conveniently answer I presume the Recorder in your city would do it as it is a mere moments labor & for a public purpose.

In this State the county clerk is ex officio registrar & recorder of deeds & mortgages & he is allowed a fee of 10 cents for every folio (100 words) contained in the deed or instrument to be recorded. For a deed averaging about $1.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Servt
E J Foote

Recording Deeds & Conveyances
6 cents a sheet.
Registering Mortgage 40 cents Receipt
for do 10 cts being 50 cents
on every Mortgage

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P 12
Ch 8

Portland Cat
Trenton New Jersey
Fees for recording &c
1840

E. T. Foote Esquire
Jamestown
New York

Cat-Island
Trenton
New Jersey

Low reform Clerks fees &c

Hon E T Foot

Ellicottville Decbr 16th 1840

Sir in answer to your letter on the subject of Co Clerks charges We have to say we think many of them too high. and should be reduced: as to the form of Deeds We have no Book of blank forms except for Holland Comp. Deeds —— and for them the County only pay what the book would cost without the printing - the Clerk paying for the cost of printing - The Supervisors are cutting down the Clerk when they can and are wishing to have their pay in some proportion with other service - Gentlemen that I have conversed with speak favorably of a petition for legislative interference for reduction of fees — They say it is a subject they will think and talk of what is best to do

Yours with respect Grant Day

Hon E J Hoot - P M
Jamestown

1840

Judge Daniel
Letter - Militia
Election Fees

Cleveland Dec 18. 1840

Dear Sir

Your letter came duly to hand but owing to sickness I have been compelled to delay the answer until this time ——
The fee allowed in this State for a record of deeds Mortgages or other instrument of writing — is 10 cents for every hundred words — The recording of one of our deeds (which differs in length &c from yours) generally amounts to from five to six shillings

Respy Yours &c
James B. Finney

To E. T. Foote Esqr
Jamestown
NY

Jas B. Finney Esq
Cleveland Ohio
Recorders fees in Ohio
1840

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CLEVELAND
OHIO

E. N. Foote Esq
Post Master
Jamestown
NY

County clerks fees

E. T. Foote, Esq.

Ithaca, Dec. 19th, 1840

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 9th inst. was duly received. – I have had of late years, very little intercourse with the Clerk's office; but have made some inquiries of those acquainted with its practices, upon the points contained in your letter. – The Clerk's office here does not use printed forms for recording. In other respects, its practices and charges are similar to those you enumerate, and a gentleman, formerly clerk, states his opinion in accordance with your suggestions, that there should be a revision, general regulations and reduction, of the duties and fees of county clerks. If reform is necessary, in this or any other branch of public duties, the democrats ought to set about it, for they have now abundant leisure, and have wanted long enough for the whips. – For myself, I am now somewhat retired from the bustle of business and politicks, having lately built and removed upon a farm, about a mile from the village, with the principal object of restoring my health; but am ready to co-operate with my friends, so far as my position will admit, on any plan, general or special, to reform abuses and to restore the ascendency of correct principles. If you will, therefore, transmit me a copy of the petition to which you refer, I will see that it is placed in proper hands for circulation: and shall be happy to hear from you, upon that, or any other subject.

I remain,
Truly & respectfully, Yr.
Wm. Mark.

E. Mack Esq
Ithaca
Cattaraugus
1840

Free
E. Mack, P.M.

E. T. Foote, Esq.
Jamestown,
Chatauqua Co.
N.Y.

Cortland Village Cortland Co. Dec 23rd 1841.

Dear Sir Yours of the 18th is received and in answer to it I will say that the grievance of which you complain is not so sensibly felt in this County. Ours is a small County and mostly used for agricultural purposes consequently there is not as much business done by the Clerk — The fees of the Clerk in this County charged & allowed by the Board of Supervisors (including stationary) is about $125, or so. There is no blank books furnished from the Stateopt per place and yet I have no doubt but that the office is worth more than it should be. A reduction of fees to 6 cents per folio would make all the reduction advisable in this county probably —

Please forward me a Petition and I will give an opportunity to the inhabitants to subscribe and forward the names to the Legislature

To make it a salary office would be unequal on account of the inequality of business in the different Counties of Onondaga is probably worth at least four of this County that is the clerks fees to make this a salary office would give more than at present or else not be sufficient for that and other larger counties

Respectfully Yours

R. Scouten Com

E. G. Foote Esq

R Scouten Esq
Cortlandville NY
Dec 24th 1840

Paid

E. O. Matthews
Palmyra
Monroe County
Michigan

CORTLANDVILLE N.Y.
DEC 24