

1811

Mr. John Jefferts

Hempstead
Long Island

25 June

Dear Brother,

Recd. yours together^{with} several other friendly letters last fall and as nothing new had happened I have delayed writing till now when I have to inform you that I have sold my possessions here to Mr. Henry M. Cooke who is appointed Collector for the Port of Beaufort in the room of Mr. Brian Hellen who resigned and, as Mr. Cooke is an intimate acquaintance of mine and has an agreeable wife and but one child and I am particularly attached to the pleasant situation which I have enjoyed for 10 years past I have agreed to continue as a boarder with Mr. Cooke during pleasure, I have also sold my furniture and what goods I had on hand at auction so that I am now quite disengaged from business so that it is remarked here that I have set the singular example of making my Will and executing of it in a great measure in my lifetime and in a state of health. Under existing circumstances if health and strength is continued possibly I may attempt to make you a visit next summer, but as my advanced stage of life I dare not venture to say that it is very probable altho' I have a very great desire to see you all once more and take an affectionate farewell before the curtain falls that will put a final end to our friendly correspondence. I send this by a Captⁿ. Rumble of this place who I expect will not leave New York in less than 10 days after his arrival I therefore hope it will be in your power to forward a letter as I am very desirous of hearing from you.

For further particulars I refer you to Betsey's
letter and as I do not recollect anything more
worth relating I only request you to remember
me to all relations and inquiring friends -
and remain as ever your affectionate brother

Beaufort Apr. 16th 1811.

Sam'l. Seffers

My dear Sirs, and when I write to you
you will be in Europe and the time will be
when we expect you to land at New York
and as I shall be there this evening & you may be
nearly by me it will be well for you to have
and to tell me what behaviour is to be had in America
as far as your freedom to deposit money etc for
and for an expense being a loss of value
which would be... Much by accident here
the English valuation is double the French one.

There are some few things which I would
mention to you, but I will let you know when you
arrive at New York what you will need the most we have
indeed no bank and indeed it is hard to say
what is the best place for a foreigner to live in
but in New York there will be plenty of
good houses to let and good food and
water & every thing else