

Dear Brother,

St. Pauls near Banbury Nov. 18. 1821

By the unmerited blessing of a kind Providence I am enabled to acquaint you with Samuel's return he arrived on the 26th of October bringing with him all the goods agreeable to my memorandum amounting to \$203.31 and those for his own use amounting to \$93.55. and the remainder of Cash amounting to \$685 these sums together with the freight and other necessary expenses completing the whole sum of \$1000. The goods after reserving those for my own use I have distributed as follows. As my deceased daughter Mary Ann was all her life time a dutiful and beloved child and in her Mr. Dill has to lament the loss of an industrious and prudent wife and his children (4 of them young and unable to provide for themselves, a most kind and tender mother I have considered them as the most needy and accordingly given them a larger allowance than the rest, 2ndly as my daughter Sally is my only surviving child and pays great attention to me even seeking for opportunities to administer to my relief and comfort. I have duly considered her merit & rewarded her accordingly, as to the rest I have considered their circumstances giving more to those who have families to provide for and less to those who have only themselves to support & so ordered it that none have been neglected and all seem satisfied

As Samuel left his own business at home and went to New York
to do mine and has performed it to my entire satisfaction I
have made him what I think ample compensation for his services
he seems also to have received much satisfaction from his visit
and was proposing to write but we have concluded it best for me to
write now and for him to do it at some future day when perhaps
he may have something of more consequence to relate he there-
fore wishes to be remembered to all friends and to be excused
from writing. As I have no occasion to make use of any
of the money on my own acct. I shall take care to preserve it
until it shall become necessary to dispose of it agreeable to
your generous intentions. People have been rather sickly this
fall and sundry cases have happen'd among our relations,
but I believe they are generally in health at present, as for
myself I have had several complaints but am thro' mercy to-
lerably well at present, the infirmities of old age upon the
increase as it might reasonably be expected at eighty five
and as I am alternately stronger and weaker at short inter-
vals I can plainly perceive that I gently descending from my
present stage of life to its last work and my daily petition
to throne of mercy is that I may be enabled with pious resig-
nation to wait my appointed time and die in peace at
last and that you and the rest of my dear relations and
friends may enjoy the same felicity that I solicit for my-
self is the prayer & hearts desire of your truly loving brother

Saml. Leffers

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Mr John Jefferts

Wentworth Long Island

Nov 18th 1821

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