

Introduction
to the
Letter Book of John Moore, Esq.
Transcribed by Terri Bradshaw O'Neill

John Moore, Esq. of New York City (1745-1828) was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Channing) Moore, and the grandson of Col. John and Frances (Lambert) Moore and William and Anne (Bowne) Channing. John Moore was born in the house, called Whitehall, of his grandfather, Col. John Moore, near the tip of Manhattan at the corner of Moore and Front Streets. This house served as the Customs House for some time leading up to, and during the Revolutionary War, until it was destroyed in the Fire of 1776. As an adult, John was employed as a civil servant who held several offices in the British government of the Province of New York, among them, Deputy Secretary of the Province, Deputy Collector of Customs and Deputy Naval Officer. During the Revolutionary War, he lived, as well as worked, in the Custom House, the house in which he was born. In his duties, he kept careful records; as a citizen of New York, he had an active social life which he recorded in letters, memoranda, several versions of his memoirs and various other writings.

The Letter Book came into my possession in 2008. After seeing a notice on Ancestry, and reading the description of the item, I contacted the broker offering it for sale. The seller wished to remain anonymous, so there was little I could learn of the provenance of the book. However, having studied the family for many years, I was able to ascertain that the book was in John Moore, Esquire's distinctive handwriting. Having tracked the family's westward migration from New York to Illinois, and finally to California, I could make a reasonable guess as to which branch of the family had possessed it into the 20th century.

The book is bound in soft calf or goatskin, the covers are somewhat warped. The words "Letter Book" are written in block letters on the front cover. The paper is in good condition, the ink unfaded and the handwriting is legible, though very small and cramped. Originally containing about thirty pages, there are approximately five pages that were carefully excised. The pages measure 9x13" with the writing covering nearly the entire page, binding to edge, top to bottom, front and back. In making the entries into the letter book, John Moore used many shortcuts, abbreviations and odd punctuation. An example of this is the use of "&tc" for etc. This transcription is as close to the original writing as possible. For ease of understanding and clarity, some of the spelling was corrected and punctuation added. Square brackets [] indicate explanatory or clarifying information. For the most part, John Moore recorded months as: Jan^y, Aug^t, Oct^r, Dec^r, etc. For this transcription, I chose to use the three letter abbreviation, Jan, Feb, Mar, etc. In the column of dates of entries, John Moore put an "x" beside each entry, possibly indicating he had filed the letter. I have omitted the "x" marks from the transcription. The Letter Book covers the time period between 12 February 1815 to 30 October 1828. This transcription is being presented to the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society two hundred years after the Letter Book was created by John Moore, Esq.

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Respectfully submitted, Terri B. O'Neill, April 2015

**Letter Book of John Moore, Esq. (1745-1828)
beginning 12 February 1815**

Inside front cover:

12 Feb 1815 News of Peace between England and United States arrived last night at NYork

18 June 1815 Bonaparte defeated by the British under Duke Wellington & Prussians under Prince Blucher—Bonaparte as usual, fled, & left his army-

6 Aug 1815 The news arrived at New York

15 July 1815 Bonaparte surrendered himself on board the British ship *Bellerophen* & was carried to England from whence he was transported to St. Helena per the ship *Northumberland*, to remain, it is hoped, for life. It proved so, as the savage Monster died there.

[in Thomas William Channing Moore's handwriting:]

T.W.C. Moore

care of Mr^{ss} Farquhar Morice & Co. London direct Newspapers-each on the paper TWC Moore, under cover to Mr. James Davis, Care of Mr. T.W. Evans-Liverpool

[in John Moore's handwriting]

new direction care Timothy Wiggin, Esq. London

newer direction April 1828-care Geo. Wilder & Co. London

First page:

1815

12 Feb wrote Daughter Livingston [Eliza E, wife of Alfred] & son John, a joint letter in answer to theirs of Oct. rec'd by P.P. Livingston last month-by Townsend to N.York forw'd by him from NY via Port[o] Rico, d[irecte]d Spanish Consul.

13 Feb wrote Brother [Jedediah] Huntington inclosing letters from Sister [Mary Ann, wife of Stephen] Hewlet-sent same day by Townsend to be deliv'd Benj. Huntington to forward.

17 Feb wrote Brother [Bp. Richard Channing Moore, the second Episcopal Bishop of Virginia] answer to his of 3rd January per mail. Addition 19th ans. to his of 9th.
wrote David [Moore, son of Bp. Richard Channing Moore] answer to his of 27th Dec, 3 & 11 Feb sent to W. Hart by Stage.

2 Mar wrote Brother from NY letter of introduction by N. Cruger.
wrote Townsend at Phil'a by Mr. Cruger.

11 Mar wrote Brother from NY by mail ans'r to his of 27th Feb respecting W. H[art].

wrote a note to Capt. Augustus Depeyster desiring him to bring a set of Tea China for Lydia-gave him 30 dollars to purchase it.

Hempstead 17 Mar 1815

Nath^l. Sands, Cornwall
Dear friend,

I wrote you the 19th Oct last and inclosed a letter to Ebenezer Bull, and as you have not favoured me with an answer, am obliged again to trouble you. Notwithstanding all the pains I have at several times taken to serve and oblige him, he very improperly neglects me, either in writing or in fulfilling his repeated promises of payment. Allow me to ask the favor of sending to him immediately to know the reasons of his neglect, and that I expect he will come to me without loss of time to settle his balances. I feel sensibly the pressure of age, and would gladly be spared the fatigue of any more journeys to the Highlands, especially as my visits have already given so much trouble to your good family, of whose kindnesses I entertain a grateful remembrance. As perhaps my letters of October miscarried, I annex a copy of the one to Mr. Bull, which in such case you will send or deliver to him, and let him not by any means omit bringing with him the last Title I gave him as attorney to Mr. Pintard, agreeably to my request in that letter.

Least by chance you should not have seen the Comptroller's long list of Lands advertized for sale at Albany the 14 Nov. next in which is included the Tract I sold you, I beg leave to mention it for your gov^t the sum is \$426.94 cents.

With my best regards to your Parents family and your own, I am Dear Sir, Your friend & hbl: serv^t.
NB Francis or Townsend d[elivere]d this letter to Mr. Sands sister Ring to forward.

22 Mar wrote Andrew Shonnard 63 Roosevelt Street, New York, in answer to his letter of the 26th desiring Townsend to call upon him about business he wishes him to do for him at Jamaica.

17 Mar wrote Townsend about taking a concern in a cargo to Jamaica-by Mail.

27 Mar wrote do: that W. Hart would go to Phil'a 3rd April to accompany Sister Moore & Gertrude [wife & daughter of Richard Channing Moore] to Richmond-if T. not at Phil'a, Mr. Jacob Hall to open letter.

29 Mar wrote Brother-same subject-ans'r to his of 17th March-under cover to W. H [ink blot] per Stage-to be sent by Mail from NY immediately.

Second page:

1815

April 2nd wrote Daughter Livingston, answer to hers of 5 Sep & 5 Nov rec'd by Mail from a Southern Port 29 March-by vessel of Mr. Tucker's to Bermuda.

wrote son John, ans'r to his of 5 Nov....do....do.

23 Apr wrote Daughter Livingston, son John per Sloop *Fox* to Kingston, sailed the 26th.
wrote Sister [Frances (Moore)] Curry-by Townsend to NYork-sent by Francis per Peekskill Sloop.

wrote son[in-law] David-by... do.

6th wrote Brother by Wm. Hart- to Richmond per Schooner *Louisa*.

29th wrote do. by Mail-from New York, under cover to Francis.

1 May Son Thomas came from France-he arrived yesterday-

4th wrote Thos. Lenington Albany about my Farm in ans'r to his of 24th Apr per Mail from NY.

7th wrote Daughter L & son John by Townsend with postscripts from NYork the 13th -he sailed per British Brig *Martha*, Capt. Chapin, Whitsunday 14th at 11 a.m.

15th wrote Brother-left letter to be forwarded by Mr. Disre Bethune by first vessel. wrote David, inviting him & his wife & Phil'a friends-by ferry Man to

Vandeurren's

Nath^l. Sands

New York 15 May 1815

Dear Sir-

I make a fourth attempt to obtain an answer from you respecting, it is true my own concerns, with Mr. Bull in which you are not personally interested, but as he was recommended to me by your good Father and yourself, as a Man on whose character dependence might safely be placed, I had felt assured that your friendly services would not be withheld, whenever I might take the liberty of requesting them. I have written twice to Mr. Bull, and this is my fourth letter to you, earnestly requesting to know what is the reason he not only withholds payment, but will not take the trouble to give me a line- my last letter was delivered to your sister to forward by an opportunity, that offered the day o which my son handed it to her. Once I wrote by Mail, the other, by one of the Cornwall Sloops. I am even left in doubt, whether any of them have reached you-let me then n once more ask the favor of a reply, as I do not wish myself to go again to the Highlands.

If Mr. Bull refuses to attend to me in some way or other, no alternative will be left for me, but to employ an agent whose services are of course to be expensively requited.

If my correspondence is become too troublesome, a single line from you, saying so, will certainly put an end to it, but until I do hear from you, how am I to know that my letters ever go to hand. I sent you a message by Mr. John Binsserger [?], some days ago, requesting to hear from you by Mail. Your compliance will much oblige. My respects to Mrs. S, and your Parents & family.

Your old friend, JM

7June wrote Brother by Mail from New York, that Wm & L[ydia] expect to go by Water to Richmond the first week in July.

9th wrote Daughter Livingston from New York; Townsend-to ship all the rum he can; John [all] care of Dr. Carroll by ship, left with Thos. to forward.

10th wrote David-invitation to himself & family to attend Lydia's marriage the 25th instant & to preach at Hempstead on that day.

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David Lumbertson, Jamaica

Hempstead 14 Jun 1815

Sir

The amount due me the 9th ins^t from Mr. Bull is Eleven hundred twenty five dollars 10 cents, without my charging the interest due on the Annual Interest, which he promised to make good to me in case he did not make his payments punctually, agreeably to bond.

When I saw him in New York last week, he told me, if I mistake not, the money was ready in your hands. If so, the sooner I am accommodated with it, the more agreeable it will be, for the reason I mentioned to you on Saturday last. With much esteem, I am

Sir, Your old friend &
Hb^l Serv^t

2 July wrote David that Lydia would go to Town tomorrow-would be at Mr. Whiting's-would go to St: Island if possible before sailing for Virginia.

wrote a letter jointly to Betsey, Townsend and John, mentioned Lydia's Marriage on the 24th [sic] June-That I had rec'd the letters from Aleppo of 18 & 25 April from Betsey, & John-that I should break up housekeeping-but could not fix, where I should reside-nor could I at present ans'r their letters but would before long. This letter forwarded by Thos. directed care Dr. Carroll by a British Vessel a few days after its date-by Henry Hoffman's serv't man.

14th wrote Daughter [Betsey] Livingston from New York-forwarded by Mr. Dickson, Merch^t, 76 Washington Street, by Ship *Esperanca* to Kingston. She sailed the 15th. Mentioned the rec't of the letters by Mr. Murphy of 30 May-that I had intended to write Townsend & John but when just finished my letter, found the ship was to sail immediately—N.B. on carrying my letter to Mr. Dickson, found she had gone down, but he said he would endeavour to send it with some of his own—if not in time, he would forward it by a British Ship of his own loading to go in a few days.

15th wrote Brother by my daughter Lydia per Schooner *William*, Capt. Redfield, bound direct for Richmond.

wrote Sister Curry, sent to Francis to forward by one of the Sloops to Peekskill, directed the letter to care of Gen'l. Pierre Van Cortlandt.

[written in left margin] N.B. William & Lydia sailed at 10 o'clock a.m. the 17th July.

31st wrote son [sic son-in-law] David-it went by Francis to New York 2nd August.

4 Aug wrote Daughter Lydia, inclosing a letter from her sister Livingston, forwarded from New York the 8th when I again wrote her, per Sloop *Traverse the Ocean*.

wrote [granddaughter] Fanny Livingston, inclosing Lydia's first letter from Richmond.

7th I went to New York, on my way to Connecticut, Staten Island, & Throgs Neck.

8th wrote at New York a joint letter to all my children at Jamaica acknowledging Betsey's of 18 & 25 April 26 & 30 May, and 16 June-John's of 25 April, 22 May & 15 June, and Townsend's of 15 & 26 June-wrote that Lydia was gone to Richmond, & that I should remove there—advised John to meet me there if he could, in Nov. Advised Townsend to return without delay with a cargo of Rum, and recommended to Alfred [Livingston] to make immediate arrangement for...

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...the expense of Moulton [grandson, Charles Moulton Livingston] agreeably to what I had in my former letters said on the subject of his Board & Education under Wm. Hart's care—and that the arrangement must be made for the money payable in Virginia, without which Moulton must remain at Throgs Neck. This letter was forwarded 8 August per Sloop *Commerce* [Capt.] Cameron for Kingston.

4 Sept wrote Daughter Livingston acknowledging the rec't of her letters of 9 June—a blank date also in June, and one of 8th July, all rec'd 26 August, lamented that Alfred did not find himself able to pay for Moulton at Richmond—desired he would make it a point to do it, as Moulton was suffering for want of a better school—that as to Ann [granddaughter, Ann Moore Livingston] there would be no expense for her Board—that I should go about 1 Nov and would endeavour to take Ann with me.

wrote Townsend repeating what I had advised in my late letters-acknowledged the receipt of his of 8 & 27 July, and hoped to see him very soon.

wrote John acknowledging his of 25 July, rec'd 2nd inst.-repeated my wishes to see him soon, either here, before I go to Virginia, or there in November- to bring all his effects with him, and to leave nothing unsettled in Jamaica.

These 3 letters I delivered at Capt. Kempe's, same day, to Mr. Dunbar lately arrived from the Island—to be forwarded by a British Ship he loaded, the *Jamaica*.

30 Aug wrote son [in-law] Wm Hart by Post, inclosing a letter from Daughter Livingston to Lydia.

12 Sept wrote Daughter Hart in answer to her letter of the 6th by Mail on her recovery from her late illness, and desiring to hear further respecting the children's going with me and that Ann should be no expense to them—under cover to Fr. [Francis] per Stage.

wrote Coz. [cousin] F.B. Livingston, [Frances (Bayard) Livingston, wife of Philip John Livingston] inclosing Lydia's letter for her perusal under cover to Francis.

14 wrote Sister Curry, and sent a box marked St Curry containing sundries per List among letters of this year—sent to care of Francis this day by Stage. Letter under cover to Francis, to be put on board a Peekskill Sloop.

16 postscript-sent another box no. 2—4 pr boots, pr winter shoes & pr woman's shoes. N.B. sent by Son Francis by a Peekskill Sloop about 26th Sep—he wrote sister.

28 wrote son Wm H & Lydia from New York per Rev. Mr. Hawley, delivered him at NYork.

 wrote Coz: Jacob Hall of Phil'a relative to Crissy M [Christian Moore, daughter of Richard Channing Moore] going with me to Richmond.

Oct about 10th wrote Lydia per Mail that I should leave NYork latter end of this month.

 wrote John Kronkyte, care Rev. Adam Empie, West Point—that I would give him an additional title as Atty to Mr. Pintard—to bring the deed I gave him & to ask Eb: Bull to lend him the one I last gave him. N.B. per an officer of West Point by Steam Boat *Firefly*.

about 16 wrote F.C. Livingston [John Moore's 1st cousin, once removed] that I should leave NY the 30th—sent this from Hempstead 20th by Francis, with books for Moulton.

 wrote Sister Curry with a box of sundries & basket with a suit of summer clothes, a warm jacket & other articles for John & wife—also my profile in frame for Sister—wrote her I would pay the 1/7th of the 1000 dollars charged by me as Mother's Dower, but hoped to be allowed the 70 dollars lent Richard some years ago & to deduct Brother's note in 1777 all free of Interest—inclosed a receipt for them to sign—sent from H[empstead] by Francis to go by Capt. Rundle.

 wrote Brother Huntington that I would pay the 1/7th (as above) to his order on demand, sent a receipt to be signed and returned—per Capt. Boothe.

28 Deliv'd a letter to Adam Tredwell, with my power of Attorney to him & John H. Moore jointly & severally—as per Copy on the next following page under the Richmond head.

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Richmond

1815 Nov 8 wrote Francis of my arrival here & desired several articles to be sent me.

13 wrote son John having on the 11th heard from Francis of his arrival at NYork.

15 wrote John again, respecting a connection in kinship here with Rob Baldwin.
 wrote Francis again repeating the order for the articles to be sent me.

22 wrote Sister Curry a long letter—also particularly about Stephen's refusal to sign a receipt similar to those signed by the rest of the Family, for the 1/7 of the sum I charged for Mother's Dower-wrote that I had left the whole except Stephen's note for £12.16 with [brother-in-law] I. Bedell.

27 wrote Sister Hewlett.

Brother Huntington—mentioned my having heard he was removed from Office.
wrote Rev. Seth Hart—mentioned that the note he gave me for 75 dollars did not balance his account in my books—desired him to ask Mr. Whiting for a copy of the account between us as adjusted with him at NYork, as I had no copy, and could not make the proper entries in my books—desired Mr. H's opinion as to selling my Wood Land, and what he supposed it would bring.

wrote Brother [Israel] Bedell, inclosing the letter to Sister Curry for him to forward.

wrote Francis, inclosing all the above mentioned from 22nd to this date.
[in margin] This packet of letters went 3rd Dec per Schooner [blank], Capt. Wood. The Mate promised me he would deliver it in Person-a letter from Lydia to Sally Moore [probably daughter of Thomas Lambert & Judith Moore] went by same conveyance.

Dec 2 wrote Francis by Mail, advising John not to ship anything to this Market, it being over stocked with every kind of Merchandise, & prices declining—desired Francis to send all I wrote for, except the Butter—the money for which he must get of Mr. Whiting.

4 wrote to Mr. Whiting a postscript to Wm's letter, desiring him to let Francis have what money he wants on my account.

5 wrote Francis in answer to his letter of the 1st with information of Mr. Whiting's failure to apply to Adam Tredwell for money on my account, to pay for the family articles I wrote for.

wrote Coz: Thomas Moore, Post Master Mount Tirzah, Person County North Carolina-that I intended to visit my connections there-desired him to give me the best information he could, as to the route & accommodations in Traveling there.
[Transcriber's note: "Coz:" Thomas Moore was the son of Charles Moore, the first Post Master of Mt. Tirzah, Person, NC, the office obtained at the urging of his brother, Stephen Moore. Stephen established himself in the area in 1776 after leaving his estate at West Point.]

Copy to Adam Tredwell & John H Moore
Dear Sirs

New York 28th Oct 1815

Inclosed is my power of Attorney to receive for my account, the Dividends as they become due payable on the following Stock, Viz^l.

Bank of New York...Dividends Nov & May...	3 shares	500 Dollars each
Mutual Ins: Fire Co. do.	30 do.	50
New York Ins: Co. Jan & July...	50	50
Eagle Fire Co. do.	16	100
Bank of America do.	10	100
Washington Fire Co. do.	33	50

Also Mr. John Beekman's note of hand dated 7th inst. For 1000 Dollars at 4 months, with Interest at 7 per cent, but if more convenient to Mr. Beekman to renew the note, than to pay it, it is my desire he may be accommodated for 4 months longer. I also inclose the Deeds of my Hempstead property, and...

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...authorize you to sell the same for 6500 dollars-1500 of which sum, to be cash, and the residue secured by Bond and Mortgage on the premises-the Deed for which I will confirm.

You have herewith also the Policy of the Washington Insurance Co. on my House & Barn in case of loss the amount of 2500 dollars to be recovered. The Insurance to be continued for one year, if not countermanded, nor the property sold.

Be pleased to make Insurance on Goods per the Sloop *Astrea* Capt. Pryor from hence to Richmond 800 dollars, agreeably to the inclosed memorandum-and pay the premium.

Let me know when you are in cash on my account, and allow me to draw upon you as I may find it convenient. Command my best services at Richmond & believe me

Your aff: friend & kinsman
JM

Dec 17 wrote Francis inclosing a letter for Daughter Livingston by Mail—which F. forwarded immediately per Ship *Port Royal* from New York.

wrote Daughter L a few lines—that her letter by John was rec'd but he not yet come to Richmond—that I arrived here with Ann the 7th Nov, Moulton going to Connecticut—would again soon write more fully, next of 5 Jan sent by Fr: per Sloop *Commerce* from NY 26 Jan.

1816 Jan 5 wrote Daughter L fully—answer to all her letters hitherto rec'd—also inclosed letters to her Daughter Frances H & son Alex^r Hamilton in answer to them by John.

wrote Rev. Seth Hart & David Bedell & wife at Hempstead.

Sister Curry in answer to her letter rec'd by my son John-in Lydia's letter to Sister Hewlett 7th inst. wrote a postscript mentioning I had written her 27 Nov.

Son Rev. D. Moore acknowledging his letter of 1 Nov & 12 Dec.

8 son Francis acknowledging his of 16 Dec by John inclosing him all the above letters & the one copied hereunder to Adam Tredwell by Mr. Charles Williams of Richmond:

Mr. Adam Tredwell

Richmond 8 Jan 1816

Dear Sir

By my son John, I was favored with yours of 16 Dec & notice that you had rec'd 67.50 from the Mutual Ins. Office on my account, but that objections were made at the B of NYork to paying the dividend, for want of a partⁿ power. Agreeably to your desire, I inclose you a few lines which I hope will answer the purpose. I presume you will not find any difficulty at the other Bank and Insurance Offices. I have credited you for the prem: of Ins. per the *Astrea*, and for the 50 dollars which my son Francis had of you.

As I may probably before long have occasion to sell part of my Stock, you will much oblige me with your opinion as to the Bank of America Stock—whether there is

any likelihood it will rise, and whether they have lately declared a dividend? And let me also know the price of all those in which I am interested per list given you.

I do not remember whether or not, I endorsed my friend Beekman's note, but at any rate, if I can get along without that money, I will do so, looking upon it as safe as any property I possess.

Should a National Bank take place, what effect will it have on the State Banks? It will not, I presume, enhance their value.

My best regards to Mrs. T and your Fire side, and the same to Coz: John & his sisters [John H. Moore was half-brother to Jane (Moore) Tredwell, both children of Lambert Moore]-and I also wish when you see them, to be remembered to your good Parents, and the several branches of their family. With great regard, Yours sincerely

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1816 Jan 12 wrote Francis a few lines by Mr. Otis of Richmond.

17 wrote Coz: Thos. Moore Post Master Mount Tirzah for fuller information respecting the Stage route from Petersburg to his residence-Mail 25th.

20 wrote Townsend by Mail this day.

23 wrote son D. Moore by Mail care Moore & Hoffman, NYork. Mail 25th.

24 wrote Townsend } on same sheet per Mail 25th

25 wrote Francis }

Feb 3 wrote son Townsend to Charleston, SC, by Mail care Josiah Wheeler.

wrote son TWC [Thomas William Channing Moore] a long letter answering all his from Gibraltar, Malta, & 3 from Smyrna—inclosed to John H. Hill.

wrote John H. Hill of New York-answered his with letters of Thos. requesting him to send the Rug[,] Raisins, Figs & Wine Thos. sent for me (per the *Boxer*) per first vessel to Richmond-inclosed to Francis.

wrote Francis inclosing the foregoing by Coz: T W C Moore, nephew to T W M [Thomas William Moore], agent for B.[ritish] Packets at New York.

15 wrote Daughter L acknowledging her letter of 5 Dec by Capt. Arnold under cover to her sister by Mail from NY—under cover to Townsend at Charleston.

wrote Townsend inclosing the above-expecting him here next mo[nth]—per Mail. Also inclosed him a letter of introduction from Brother to Bishop Dehone. [Bishop Theodore Dehon, second Bishop of South Carolina.]

Per Mail [in someone else's handwriting]

Richmond 29 Feb 1816

Mr. Alexander Gallop

Dear Sir

It is owing to your intimacy with my son Francis that I give you the trouble of this letter, and I trust I stand in need of no other apology. I have another son [John] here

who arrived a few weeks ago from the West Indies where he had resided about nine years. Disliking the climate, he has returned with a view of entering into some line of business in his native country and I now write you on the subject and to obtain such information as your experience at Fredericksburg may enable you to give me and as on due consideration, your friendly regards for my son may induce you to suggest. Allow me then to enquire-

1st-Do you find Fredericksburg an eligible situation for business? Do you trade to any considerable amount...

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...and could you extend it with a fair prospect of reasonable advantage? What is the amount of your annual sales, and what advance is generally added to the purchase?

2nd-Is business done with your place for cash or barter or both? What are the articles of barter which you take for goods and where are they sold? Do purchases of goods expect and obtain credit for any specified length of time, and are they generally to be depended upon for punctuality?

3rd-Are you in any other than the Dry Goods business, and would not the grocery business be a better one, as being composed of articles always in use more or less by every family not subject to either damage or fashion, and of which there are no unsalable remnants? And cannot business be carried on in the grocery line to double or treble the amount, as in the dry good business with the same Capital?

4th- Are you doing business solely on your own account or have you a Partner, or acting only as an agent for others, and are you of Age?

5th-If entirely free from other engagements, would you like a Partnership with my son in the grocery business, provided there was a prospect of succeeding in it, and that upon your meeting each other, satisfactory terms could be mutually agreed upon?

Some of the foregoing questions I grant are very pointed but be assured do not arise from any impertinent curiosity, but as the distance between us is so great, I have Judged it best to be plain and candid, and that in a preliminary correspondence we should pave the way for mutual confidence on a subject which may eventually tend to a connection of serious importance.

My son wishes a speedy answer, on the rec't of which it is probable one or both of us will without delay see you at Fredericksburg. Meantime with due regard, I am

Your friend & Humble Ser^t

Ninth page:

[1816] Feb 29 wrote Mr. Hart to have all my Fences repaired-Farm & Woods to have the wood lot inspected, & advise me about selling or not to send me a settlement.

Wrote Samuel Whiting-offered him my House & Farm at £120 per annum-to send me a state[ment] of our settlement-that I had 15 dollars of Wm. Which he had collected for him & 25 which he had borrowed of him, both sums I had directed Francis to endorse on his note-regards to Mrs. M.

wrote Francis acknowledging his letter of Dec & Jan by Mr. Woodhull, rec'd only a few days ago. Told him I had rec'd 25 Dollars more of W.H.H. on Mr. Whiting's

account, & to endorse it on the note. Wrote again about the fruit & wine from Thos. by the *Boxer* from Smyrna, & to send them here. That nothing would answer here from NY, nor to ship there from hence, to wait 'til his Brothers arrive at NY, when probably some adventure might be thought of—to try to get board at Miss Seabury's or Tredwell Seaman's—that I had wrote Mr. Hart about my Fences. I should write Dabont [or Dabout]—he's not calling to see him—to visit Mr. Bancker—about M[oore] & Hoffman's offer to him—to consider well of it. I thought it a good thing, but still if Stephenson & Goodwin promised favourably, perhaps better to stay. N.B. inclosed the letters to Mr. H & Mr. W, also Lydia's letter to Mr. H, Fanny L & Sally M—by Mr. Coles Stage to NYork.

March 9 wrote Francis by Mail in answer to his of 7 Feb by one of the coasters with the sweetmeats brought by Townsend from Jamaica—also ans'd his of 1st inst. by Mail—desired he would enquire of Mr. Tredwell whether the Person who had applied to him about my Farm, was like to purchase.

wrote on same sheet to Rev. Seth Hart, that in case no purchase or Tenant offered for my Farm, he would have the Land put in order in all respects as he would for himself, and to attend particularly to the Garden.

1st Wrote a long letter to Mr. Hart in answer to his of Jan.

9 wrote a long letter to Daughter L answering her 5 letters of 16 Nov, 1 & 5 Jan, & 4 & 13 Feb.

wrote a line to Francis inclosing the two last mentioned & one from Lydia forwarded this day by Mr. Sprague per Stage—he went the 12th.

18 wrote to son Thomas in answer to his of 10th Dec from Constantinople.
wrote John H Hill inclosing the above & answering his letter of 23rd Dec.
wrote Sister Hewlett, answering hers of 17 & 23 Dec.
wrote Francis ans'd his of 2nd & 12 inst. and inclosing all the above per Mr. Smith who went the 19th by one of the Coasters.

19 wrote son David-answer to his of 31 Jan.

Stanford, Esq^r in Congress from N. Carolina, at Washington Richmond 25 March 1816
Sir

As a first cousin to Mrs. Stanford, I beg leave to trouble you, on a subject I have much at heart. When I left NY in Nov. last, it was my determination, if my health and strength permitted, to pay a visit to my numerous relatives in North Carolina, the greater part of whom I have never had the pleasure of seeing, nor do I yet know how numerous they are. I am in correspondence with Cozen Thomas...

Tenth page:

...who has made known my intentions to my two Aunts [Grizey, widow of Stephen Moore and Eve, widow of Charles Moore], and their respective families & descendants.

His last letter mentions to me your name and connection with us. It is on this ground I take the liberty of writing to you—to enquire—whether on your return to Carolina, you take Richmond in your way—if so, when you expect to leave Washington, and whether you take the Public Stage or if you have your own carriage, whether it would be perfectly convenient to take an old Man of 71 under your guidance and direction, who, tho' he would be no expense, might perhaps be some little trouble to you, tho' at present, thank God, I am in good health, and I doubt not, sufficiently able to undertake and accomplish the Journey. I mention this lest you might (not knowing me) be apprehensive of being incommoded by an Invalid.

My Brother, the Bishop, had thoughts of going with me on this family errand, but ecclesiastical duties call him to Mecklenburg immediately on his return, he must go down to Norfolk. Without some companion and at my time of life, I almost fear to set out. Be pleased to favor me with a line at your first leisure. Should you come this way, I am to be found at the Rev. Mr. Hart's, who married one of my daughters, and who with myself and Mr. H will be glad to see and commence a personal acquaintance with Cozen Mary's best friend.

Respectfully I remain Sir
Your very h'bl Serv't

Should my friend Jonathan Fish, Esq. happen to be at Washington, I beg my best regards to him as his Uncle Moore.

[Transcriber's note: This is the first evidence that John Moore, Esq. ever intended a trip to visit his North Carolina cousins. It appears, from the various versions of John Moore's memoirs, that the journey never took place, as he never mentions it elsewhere in his writings. The ironic coincidence of the timing of the letter to the Hon. Richard Stanford, Congressman from North Carolina, explains why. The letter is dated 25 March 1816. John Moore does not specify, as he did with many of the other letters in the letter book, how the letter was conveyed. Twenty-two days after the date of the letter, on April 16th, Richard Stanford died in Washington, DC, a victim of an attack of erysipelas. It is doubtful, given the amount of time it took for letters to reach their destination by their often circuitous routes, that Stanford even received it before his death. See entry of May 5th; John Moore had not yet learned of the death of Richard Stanford.]

March 31 wrote Josiah Wheeler Ch's Town So. Carolina enquiring about Townsend per Mail

April 1 wrote Francis in answer to his letters—per Mail

2 wrote Mr. Hart a long letter ans'r to his of 18 & 19 per Mail

8 wrote Wm Prince, ans'r & returned power of attorney giving up half of my Stock in Flushing Bridge & Road, on condition of how Bridge being built.

14 wrote Townsend, Charleston—ans'r to his of 7 & 8th per Mail.

15 wrote Mr. Hart, ans'r to his of 9th to let Mr. Andrews the Place, to take charge of books & box of papers & pictures I left. Mrs. Morgan to take charge of such trifling articles of Furniture I left. Mr. A to attend to the Clock.

to Francis a line on same sheet to forw'd the one to Mr. Hart—per Mail

13 wrote Daughter L—inlosed 2nd May to Francis
wrote Francis—had no letter from him to answer—sent him a Drum of figs & raisins & the letter to his sister to forward by...

[This last entry crossed out entirely. Note in margin: on returning from Norfolk, found these had not been forwarded]

15 wrote J Huntington by Mr. Jas. Huntington—N.B. inclosed 2nd May to Francis.

29 wrote Francis by Mail—gave him an order on Adam Tredwell for 50 dollars.

30 sent him 2 pillow cases, 2 towels, 1 [set] sheets, 2 blankets & 1 coverlid [coverlet] and the above mentioned letter to Daughter L of 13th inst. which was inclosed to him by son John per Sloop *Commerce*, Capt. Waterman bound to New York, also sent the Drum raisins & figs.

16th left Richmond for Norfolk

27th returned

23 wrote Daughter L from Norfolk—sent box containing 12 jars pickled oysters—4 of which for Dr. Carroll and 2 for Mr. Lawrence R Stephens.

wrote Dr. Edward Carroll inclosing the above letter & the Capt.'s receipt for the box per ship *Fame* Capt. J.W. Monteith—left my letter to Dr. C open with Mr. Jones (nephew of Mr. Al: Herring of NYork) at Mr. Jacob Klein's store, to inclose the receipt in. Mr. Jones was to direct the box and see it put on board. Oysters cost 6 dollars box 50 cents which 6 ½ dollars I paid Mr. Jones.

May 2 wrote Mr. Hart answer to his of 22nd April respecting his failure, that I hoped to be with him soon, told him I would take 6000 D for Elliot Place & Wood Land—or he might let the Place on the best terms he could for one or more years, or for 6 months.

Eleventh page:

1816

May 2nd wrote Francis inclosing the letter of this date to Mr. Hart—also an advertisement of my Place to sell or let with directions to refer Enquiries to Mr. Hart—also inclosed the letter to his Sister L dated 13th April which I wrote before I went to Norfolk & which on my return I found had not been forwarded—also inclosed the letter to Brother Huntington dated 15 April—per Mr. Adriance 4 May per Stage.

5 wrote Coz: Thomas Moore Post Master Mount Tirzah—that being obliged to go to NYork I must postpone my intended visit to them—desired him to write me to NYork under cover to Mr. Henry Rogers, or Francis.

9 wrote Daughter L a few lines acknowledging hers of 19 March & postscript of 2nd April via Norfolk per Ship *Brunswick*—on a half sheet annexed to letter.
to Townsend acknowledging his of 2nd May rec'd yesterday—per Mail this day.

14th left Richmond per Stage at 2 in the morning for New York
wrote Brother (who I left unwell) a few lines from Fredericksburg

New York

27 wrote Wm & Lydia from New York by Mail.

June 8 wrote Daughter Livingston a long letter per Brig *Speculation* to Montego Bay.

13 wrote Lydia sent her 2 pieces smoked beef & one for Brother per Schooner *Richmond* Capt. Benedict—inclosed rec't to Lydia.

18 wrote Daughter Livingston—19 wrote do. vessels per Schooner *Eliza* Capt. Bull, with 6 pc's smoked beef for her, Dr. Carroll & Law. Stephens.
wrote Brother by Mail—subject—Rev. Mr. Noble wishing a Call in Virginia.

19 wrote Sister Curry inclosing letter from Brother rec'd by Mail this day.

24 wrote Brother answer to his of 15th } per Mail
wrote son John, ans'r to his of 3rd }
wrote Daughter Hart }

July 5 wrote Brother & Daughter Hart from Throgs Neck per Mail from NYork.

14 wrote Brother Huntington, & Daughter H from Hempstead per Mail

16 wrote long letter to son John from Hempstead—per Mail. Postscript 19

31 wrote Daughter Livingston ans'r to hers of 1 June—sent her 6 jars of raspberry sweetmeats made by Sally Moore—also 2 of currant jelly from David's wife [second wife, Margaretta Glentworth]—wrote at NY.

August 2 wrote Dr. Carroll inclosing the above letter to Daughter L—also rec't for the box of sweetmeats desiring Mrs. C to accept 2 pots of the Raspberry—per Schooner *Caplin*.

3 wrote son John care Jacob Hall, Phil'a expecting John would be there.

4 wrote Daughter H from Hempstead—per Mail.

8 wrote do. per Mail, that Thos. was arrived Leghorn, met him at J.H. Hill's.

- 10 left NY for the Springs—Thomas with me. 22nd I returned to NY, Thos. at Albany
- 28 wrote Rev. Mr. Noble from Hempstead that the Church at Norfolk was supplied. wrote son & Daughter Hart answering theirs of 8, 23 July, 11 & 21 Aug. Mail.
- Sep 1 wrote Sister Curry I should visit her in about 2 weeks.
- 5 wrote Daughter Livingston.
- 6 left Hempstead for Peekskill with son John—arrived at Sister Curry's next day.
- 17 left Peekskill, arrived at NY next day.
- 18 wrote Sister Curry & sent her pound of Hyson Tea per Joshua Drake. wrote Daughter H a long letter.
- 20 wrote Fanny Livingston—to know when my Grandson Moulton would be at Throgs Neck, where I intended soon to visit again before returning to Richmond.
- 27 left NY per Fulton Steam Boat for New Haven, on visit to Sister H[untington] at N. London [CT]
- Oct 6 left NLondon per Sloop. Violent gale—arrived at NY next morning—24 hours this day.
- 7 attended the funeral of Col. Beverly Robinson, son of Col. B.R. of Highlands, North [Hudson] River.

Twelfth page:

[1816]

Oct 8 left Town—at Hempstead this Evening.

- 9 wrote Son & Daughter Hart that Ambrose Hart was very ill—per Mail. wrote son Thomas inviting him to accompany me to Richmond.
- 11 wrote Daughter Livingston a long letter answering hers of 11 Aug. B. *Victoria*.
- 12 to NY with son John.
- 15 to Throgs Neck per Stage—found Aunt N Moore [Ann, called “Nancy”] too unwell to go with me to Virginia and Mount Tirzah NCarolina as she intended. N.B. this day Ambrose died—16 was buried at Hempstead.
- 17 I returned to NY per Stage.

- 19 went to Staten Island-21 returned to NY.
- 22 wrote Aunt N M that Brother & Crissy had been to Mount Tirzah where they found and left all our Relations in health. [This is the only evidence that Bishop Richard Channing Moore and his daughter Crissy visited Mount Tirzah and their cousins there.]
wrote Wm & Daughter Hart that I should set out for Richmond in few days.
- 23 wrote do. per Schooner *Indian Hunter* & sent apples, Pears, cheese, etc.
- 24 Townsend sailed for Chs Town per Ship *Corsair* belonging to the House in which he is a partner.
to Hempstead with son John—to take leave.
- 29 to New York with Mr. Hart & Mrs. Morgan.
- 30 This day by letter from Wm heard of Lydia's having a daughter 24th inst.
wrote to Fanny Livingston the pleasing news.
- 31 left New York in company with son Thomas for Richmond, lodged E. Town [Elizabeth Town, NJ] at A. Herring's
- Nov 2 arrived at Philadelphia. 5th at Baltimore. 6th at Washington—7 before day left Steam Boat for Fredericksburg—8th before day at Richmond, having this day rode over bad roads 82 Miles-
- 8 breakfasted at my Daughter's—found all well.
- 13 wrote Daughter Livingston (in margin: this from NY per Schooner *Enterprise* care Dr. Carroll)—do. sons John & Francis & David intended to go by Thomas tomorrow, but he concluded to go with me the...[incomplete]
- 16 to Norfolk per Steam Boat-17th at Norfolk.
- 18 (in margin: from Norfolk) wrote Daughter Livingston per Ship *Mint* to Kingston. Sailed next day.
- 21 wrote Townsend by a Mr. Bell going per Stage to Charleston.
left Norfolk 22nd arrived at Richmond per Steam Boat.
- 24 wrote again to son John, by Thomas, with the letters of the 13th-
Dec 4 wrote son John a long letter.
wrote Aunt Nancy particulars of Brother's visit to NCarolina.
wrote P J Livingston relative to Alfred's affairs—inclosed the above.
wrote Sister Curry—all under cover to son Francis by Rev. Mr. Williston.

13 wrote Maria Cox inclosing to her a letter of introduction for Mr. Richard G Cox to my daughter Livingston.

wrote son Townsend by Mr. Cambrelling [Stephen Cambreling], a friend of son Thomas's

16 wrote Richard Taylor of Norfolk that the barrel of oysters he had sent for me, by mistake had gone to Brother's—per son Hart who went in a hired carriage, being sent for to marry Rev. Mr. Low of Norfolk.

wrote son Francis by Mail.

19 wrote Mr. Hart of Hempstead a long letter } per Mail

wrote son John answer to his of the 6th }

24 son Hart ret'd from Norfolk. N.B. his Expense 79 dollars, his fee 80—generous Mr. Low.

Thirteenth page:

Dec 28 wrote Daughter Livingston under cover per Brig *Prince Regent* from Ch'stown. to son Townsend Charleston per Mail.

wrote son Francis per Mail.

wrote a postscript to son Thomas in Lydia's letter to him per Mail.

1817

Jan 9 wrote son Thomas per Mail the 15th—having been neglected for 6 days going to P Office.

17 wrote Sister Hewlett a long letter—sent Brother H a snuff box given to me by Mr. John O Lay—per Mr. Colden. (he & Mr. C went by sea 3 Feb)

wrote son John, inclosing letter to Adam Tredwell, giving John a credit upon Mr. Tredwell for 400 dollars. Per Mail the 20th.

wrote Adam Tredwell as follows:

Richmond 17 Jan 1817

Dear Sir

I was favored with yours of 28 Nov by Mail, and thank you for the candles, which came to hand some time after. I have credited you for the amount, as well as for the 16 dollars my son Francis had of you.

Presuming that by this time, you have rec'd the half year dividends on my Stock at the two Banks, and four Ins. Companies, I have taken the liberty of giving my son John a credit upon you for 400 dollars, which you will be good enough to let him have when he calls for it, & I will thank you mean time to let me know the sums you have rec'd on my account.

I was glad to find the New York Ins. Co. had made another dividend. I presume it has raised the price of that Stock, and will thank you to mention it. Be pleased to give my best regards to your own and Coz: John's family, and to your good Father. With much Esteem Dear Sir, Your Obligated Humble Serv't.

17 wrote a long letter to son Thomas per Mail the 20th.
20 wrote 3 letters of introduction for Dr. John Adams, to John Jacob **Astor**, Isaac **Lawrence** and Walter **Bowne** of New York. The first is the Pres:^t of the Branch Bank of the U.S. at New York. The two others are Directors of the N. B. at Phil'a. The following is pretty much a copy to W. Bowne, the others much like it—had no time to copy them.

Richmond 20 Jan 1817

Dear Sir-

This will be handed, or forwarded to you by my worthy friend & neighbor, Doctor John Adams of this City—in either case, I have great pleasure in making him known to you, as a Gentleman of the first consideration in Richmond, and duly appreciated in this State, as well in private as in public life. Dr. A has [a] matter of much importance to lay before the Directors of the United States Bank, for the advancement of the Interests and Commerce of Virginia, and especially as it relates to Richmond, unquestionably the most important and rapidly growing place in the State. I have so far volunteered in this business, as to give him this line of introduction to you, and should your judgment coincide with his, in the attainment of his object, I have ventured to assure him, that he will experience your attention & good offices—remembering with pleasure our long & friendly acquaintance, I am, Dear Sir, Yours respectfully—

24 wrote Brother Huntington of New London
wrote Benjamin Huntington—inclosing the one to Brother H.
wrote son Francis, with both of those, & the one to Sister Hewlett, with the snuff box-forwarded, all tied together, to care of Francis by Mr. Colden—in one of the Coasters. 3 Feb, 4 Feb Mr. C and wife returned this Evening, the Vessel being caught in the Ice. They went the 6th by Stage.

Fourteenth page:

1817

Jan^y 26 wrote Francis by Mail inclosing a letter of [unfinished].
To Daughter Livingston with postscript from Lydia & Ann-acknowledged her letter rec'd 10th inst. via New York dated Aleppo, 28 Oct. last.

Wrote son Townsend by Mail, acknowledging his by Mr. Bell.

27 wrote son David Moore per Mail acknowledging his of 10 Dec. last.

W. Fish Esq. Cashier of the Mechanic's Bank, NY

Richmond 6 Feb 1817

Dear Sir

I have some expectation that Dr. Jas. Searing will take up his note for 2375 dollars (which I lodged with you for collection) payable to me the 28 June next, before the time expires. In such a case I have agreed to allow him the discount of 7 percent per annum, and you will please to give up the note on those terms, and enter the balance to my credit.

Should that settlement not take place, I have by letter of this date, authorized my son Thomas W. C. Moore to take the note out of your bank, and I beg you to deliver it to him, when he shall find it convenient to call for it—or should Dr. Searing make the

payment as proposed by himself and acceded to by me, then allow me to request the favor of you to pay the money to my son or to his order upon his check for the same, and should you deem it proper, you will be pleased to consider and file this letter as a further voucher for the transaction—but on the other hand, should my son having occasion for the money, before Dr. Searing makes payment, it would much gratify me, if through your friendly aid and recommendation, your bank would discount the note for my son's accommodation, and be assured that in such case I will take care, the payment shall be punctual.

I am, Dear Sir very
Respectfully Yours, etc.

Feb 6 wrote son Thomas, in answer to his of 31st ulto—disclosed to him the above.
Per Mail

9 wrote a postscript to TWC, (in a letter from Lydia) on the subject of S. B. Hoffman's demand against Alfred—per Mail.
wrote Daughter L a long letter in answer to hers of 28 Dec rec'd via Norfolk—per Brig *Perfect* for Kingston from Charleston.

10 wrote son Townsend in answer to his two of 14 Jan & 2 Feb inclosing the above—per Mail.

22 Mr. Adam Tredwell
Dear Sir-

Richmond 22 Feb 1817

Your favor of the 6th did not come to hand till this day. The above written power I hope will answer at the Bank of America. I cannot but be surprised that after having last year paid my dividend to you, they should now make any difficulty. If necessary, my son John or Francis will swear to my handwriting in addition to my son-in-law, Mr. Hart's signature as a witness. On entering the amount you sent me in your letter of the 6th, I notice you have omitted the dividend at the Eagle Office for last month, which I presume you have forgot to call for. I see it advertized as usual in the New York papers. With my respects to Mr. Thorne, I am
Dear Sir,
Your obliged friend & serv^t

Fifteenth page:

Copy of the Power to Mr. Tredwell

I, John Moore of New York, at present residing at Richmond in the State of Virginia, do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr. Adam Tredwell of New York Merchant, as my agent and attorney to receive such dividend or dividends as may be due and owing to me at the Bank of America in the city of New York, and do authorize him in my name and stead to give such usual receipt or receipts for the same in the books of the said Bank, as shall be there required.

Witness my hand & seal at
Richmond 22 Feb 1817
John Moore

Witness present
Wm. H. Hart

March 5 wrote son John }
wrote son Thomas } ans'd all their letters-per Mail
wrote son Francis }
wrote son David }

20 daughter Livingston ans'r hers of 20th Dec rec'd via Norfolk per *Vittoria* per Schooner *Sophia* for Kingston from Charleston 30th March.
wrote son Townsend Charleston per Mail inclosing the above.

27 son Thomas ans'r to his of 11th & 14th per Mail.

April 9 wrote Daughter L with son Thomas's account of his interview with Mr. Hoffman-per Brig *Mary* from Chs. Town for Kingston.
wrote son Townsend, answer to his of 27th March & inclosed the above, per Mail.

16 wrote Brother Huntington, ans'r to his of 25 Feb by Mr. Huntington by Coaster.
wrote son David-answer to his of 4th by Mail.

21 wrote son John-answer to his of 28 March }
son Francis.....of 12 March } per Mail-under cover to Francis
son Thomas.....of 2nd & 15th inst. }

26 wrote James Cox Esq. Baltimore, inquiring would his family be in Town all May.

May 4 wrote son John ans'r to his of 25 April that Flour at Richmond was at \$14.

14 left Richmond for New York-arrived with Daughter H & child and Ann the 24th.

New York June 11 wrote Daughter Livingston acquainting her with my arrival at NY the 24 May—per Brig *Vittoria*.

16 at Hempstead wrote ditto—part written 21 April at Richmond—ans'd her letters there rec'd of 10 Dec. and 21st Feb.-also those of 25 Feb. rec'd at Richmond, and 8 & 14 April rec'd at New York from Richmond which came by Mr. Gillespie. Ann wrote also, in my letter.

wrote my Grandson Alex'r. H. L. [Alexander Hamilton Livingston] in answer to his of 11 April, rec'd same way.

30 at NY made another addition to my letter to Daughter Livingston of 21 April dated at Richmond and 16 June at Hempstead—that I had been to S. Island and just returned also from Throgs Neck—per Brig *Lord Rodney* forw'd by C. M. & Co.

Sixteenth page:

- List of Old Documents herewith presented to the Historical Society of NY
- 1 Certificate from Gov'r Lovelace to John Deforest entitling him to Citizen privileges 6 July 1670.
 - 2 Translation of Jn^o Montanye [Montagne?] and Jn^o Low Van Schoonderwaart's agr't respecting Lands. 10 May 1671.
 - 3 Copy of a letter to Col. Quarry but endorsed as to Col. Nicholson resp'g a school & Trinity Church. No date.
 - 4 An original Warrant from Gov'r Montgomery to stay legal proceedings in a case of Fornic'n. 12 Apr 1731.
 - 5 Census of the Inhabitants in the Province of New York taken in 1731 } now
 - 6 Census of the Inhabitants in same Province taken in the year 1738 } State of
 - 7 Account of the Taxes apportioned to the several Counties in same year } NYork.
 - 8 A Military return of the killed wounded and Missing in the battles near Ticonderoga 6 & 8 July 1758.
 - 9 The Original Orders—giving the Command of the British Army in N.A. to Gen. Gage. 17 Nov 1763.
 - 10 An account of the Quit Rents of the Province now State of NYork from 1771 to 1775 inclusive.
 - 11, 12, 13 & 14 Four annual accounts of the Trade of New York, Imports & Exports between 1765 & 1775.

Mr. John Pintard

Hempstead Long Island
17 June 1817

Sir

I beg leave to trouble you, as Secretary of the Historical Society of this State, with the inclosed papers, agreeably to the above list, and if you deem deserving a place in their Collection, be pleased to present them to the Society, for their acceptance, with my respects.

Some of them can be considered in no other light, than as mere matters of curiosity, and have little besides their age (near 150 years) to recommend them—but those which before the Revolution I myself copied from the Government records, will probably be found very instructive & useful to some future compiler, when exhibiting the vast and rapid growth of our Native State, as well in Commerce, as in the Population, and I vouch for their authenticity.

The General Order which placed General Gage at the head of the British Army in this country in the year 1763, you will see is original and official, being under the signature of the brother of Sir Jeffrey, the late Lord Amherst, and probably it is the only one in America.

If these papers are thought worthy the Society's acceptance, I may probably make some addition to their number, on returning to my residence in Virginia.

I am Sir,
Your most Obed't Serv't
[John Moore]

17 August [1817] wrote son Hart per mail answering his of 18 Jun.

5-7 Sep wrote son Townsend Charleston answering his of 8 May & 16 Aug per mail

7 Sep wrote brother per mail—to NY by Mr. Hart 8th.

8 Sep wrote son Thomas-ans'g his of 29 Apr, 2, 5 & 10 June.
wrote John H. Hill inclosing a letter to Thomas—by Curtis. Also the one to Townsend.

10 Sep wrote a long letter to Daughter L-ans'g her letters of 13 Mar, 27 Apr, & 31 May—told her Fanny L. was here, who informed me A's [Alfred] Father [Philip John Livingston] had accommodated with Hoffman—also wrote her daughters Betsey & Fanny on same sheet, inclosed to Clark Moore & Co. 26th, Mr. Clark told me the above letter was forwarded to Jamaica, either by the *Cornwallis* or *Thames*, he did not recollect which of them.

13 Sep wrote son John—Waterloo, Seneca County—care Wm. B. Hall.

30 Sep wrote Rev. Joshua Huntington, my nephew at Boston, a letter introducing young Colin Campbell Tredwell, son of J. T. of North Hempstead, who is going to Cambridge College.

Seventeenth page:

6 Oct wrote Townsend ans'g his of the 16th Sep per mail.
wrote Sister Curry—sent her pr. of silver mounted spectacles—wrote about her son John's note—that I should leave it in the hands of Brother Bedell. Sent 9th per Capt. Rundle from NY, Sloop *L Gallatin*.

NY 9 Oct wrote John per Mail box Steam Boat *Paragon* requesting his views. N.B. sent him 30 dollars in Ben. Huntington's check on B[ank] of Utica.

11 Oct wrote Townsend per mail ans'g his of 24th Sep.

12 Oct wrote Daughter Livingston & sent her 6 pr. lady's shoes & a broach with her mother's hair & mine set in gold, in Mother of Pearl-per the Sloop *Clarendon*, Capt. Frith for Kingston forwarded by Clark Moore & Co. to their friends Whitfield & Co.

15 & 16 wrote Brother per mail answering his of 30 Sep per mail rec'd 14th at NYork.

23 Oct wrote Brother by son Hart

24 Oct wrote Daughter L per Schooner *Eliza* }

1 Nov wrote an addition to the letter }—and sent a box of Quince sweetmeats made at H[empstead] by Lydia—directed to Alfred-ship'd by C. M. & Co.
wrote Townsend by the *Corsair* Capt. Sutton.

2 Nov wrote son John inclosing him John Beekman's note for \$1000 dated the 7th Oct last at 4 months—inclosed in a letter of advice to
son Francis-deliv'd to him on board the Steam Boat at NY bound to Brunswick.
[In the left margin, next to the above entry:] 10th Nov Alfred died. [Transcriber's note: John Moore's son-in-law, Alfred Livingston.]

3 Nov left NY-5th wrote to Brother from Philadelphia that I would be at Fredericksburg the 10th.

Richmond 12 Nov Wrote Francis per mail about my Baggage he was to send by Water—also about my Portrait done by Mr. Shiels-cost \$35 & box, \$1.50, Tredwell to pay.

22 Nov wrote Francis per mail answering his of 10 & 14th

2 Dec wrote Francis, ans'g his of 24 Nov per mail
wrote Sister Curry, ans'g hers of 8 Nov last, inclosed to her a letter from Lydia same date..... }
wrote son Thomas-acknowledging his of 24 July }
wrote John H. Hill inclosing the last mentioned }
wrote Sister Hewlett..... } All inclosed to Francis-also a letter from Lydia to Miss Campbell per Schooner *Indian Hunter* Capt. Seaman, who sailed the 10th.

5 Dec wrote son Townsend by Rev. Dr. Bowen of NYork going to Charleston per Stage.

12 Dec wrote son John answering his of 17 Nov-wrote him fully, directed 41 S.S. per mail the 13th.

[In left margin, next to the following entry:] 13th rec'd account of Alfred's death in letter from Francis.

13 Dec wrote Daughter Livingston on hearing of Alfred's death—open to Francis, to copy..... }
wrote P.J. [Philip John] Livingston, also open, Francis to copy }
wrote son Francis.....inclosing both, & letters from Daughter Hart } per the *Rover* to Kingston from NYork; copy per the *Pacific* to Falmouth the 4th to her sister, Fanny Livingston } 1 Jan 1818 per Mail this day.

14 Dec wrote Daughter Livingston }
wrote son Townsend } per Mail-inclosed the former [letter] to Townsend asking him whether he could go to Jamaica for his Sister & Family. Desired him to send also a copy of my letter to his sister which I left open for that purpose.

15 Dec wrote a second letter to P.J.L. [Philip John Livingston] care of Francis, but not inclosed—per Mail

16 Dec wrote Francis per Sloop *Brothers* Capt. Job Framber & sent John's Trunk of Books & Writing Desk. Inclosed the Captain's receipt for the Trunk, & sealed paper containing the key.

22 Dec wrote son David with information of Alfred's death care Sequina & Johnson, per Mail

wrote Brother Huntington, ditto, care of Benj. Huntington of New York, per Mail

28 Dec wrote son David—answer to his respecting Alfred's death, per Mail

1 Jan **1818** wrote Daughter Livingston per Brig *Nancy* from Charleston-inclosed open for Townsend—also a letter from Lydia to him} Mail

3 Jan wrote son Francis—ans'd his letters of 12, 16 & 26 Dec, and sent him an order on Adam Tredwell for \$50, desired him to apply to J.H. Hill for the \$50 due for Moulton's Board & Schooling on account of Son Thomas, who has taken this charge upon himself} Mail the 5th

15 Jan wrote Fanny L[ivingston], subject Alfred's death—wished to hear from her Father. N.B. postscript to a letter to her from Lydia—care Francis. Mail

16 Jan wrote son John fully—answers to his of 27 Dec & 5th instant—subject his purchase & new engagement at Oswego—Mail

Seventeenth page:

1818

Jan 30 wrote Francis acknowledging his two last—one of them by the *Mary Pamela* with figs & Raisins—desired him to send me one of the Drums of Figs if not sold—Mail

Wrote John H. Hill ans'g his two of 13 & 16 Dec—mentioned I had wrote him 2nd Dec—desired to know how Tom & Frank's adventure per Brig *Alexander* turns out—Mail

10 Feb wrote Rev. Seth Hart ans'r to his of 4 to 13 Jan care Francis—per Mr. Hyde

11 Feb wrote Fanny C. Livingston—on subject of my Daughter & family's return from Jamaica—repeating my desire to hear from Mr. L in answer to my letters to him in Dec—mentioned that it was probable while I lived, I could contribute \$600 a year towards the support of Alfred's family, but that I dared not write for them entirely on my own responsibility, for obvious reasons, & especially as the children are the children of his son, & not mine. Per Mr. Hyde

wrote Francis, inclosing the letter to Fanny-

- 19 Feb wrote Daughter Livingston a long letter }
wrote Lawrence R. Stephens, Esq. inclosing it to him at Bariffe Hall } Mail
- 24 Feb wrote son Townsend, inclosing both letters open for him to forward—sent from Charleston per Schooner *Friendship* to Kingston care Mr. Whitfield } Mail
wrote Francis inclosing copy of the two above mentioned for Jamaica [between lines] forwarded per Brig *Amethyst* 2 Mar—& desired him to take a copy of the one for his sister. Mail
- 5 Mar wrote L. R. Stephens & sent him a letter from Mr. Livingston of 24 Feb—Mail
wrote Townsend inclosing the above—copies of mine to Mr. S & of Mr. Livingston's to him are filed in bundle of letters. Mail
sent copies of the two for Jamaica above mentioned under cover to Mr. John Southgate, Norfolk to be forwarded to Jamaica—Steam Boat. N.B. the letter to Mr. Stephens went per the Ship *Tuscan* from Norfolk.
- 13 Mar wrote Daughter L answering her Nov & Jan letters per the *Tuscan* }
wrote Mr. Southgate inclosing the above—per Mr. Nicholson of NOrleans }
Steam Boat
- 14 Mar wrote Francis ans'g his of 22 & 28 Feb and 2 March
- 20 Mar wrote Townsend ans'r to his of 10th wishing to see him here & to accompany me to NY—& that I believed it best to get Betsey & children lodgings in the country, on their arrival, until some better & permanent arrangement can be made—that I did not expect any assistance could be obtained from the other quarter, except Mr. Stephens could help us from Jamaica, on which subject I begged he would write fully & urgently to Mr. S—Mail
- 25 Mar wrote Mr. Hart to know whether he would board Daughter L & family fully or dinner only & Lodging—and on what terms—Mail paid
- 2 Apr wrote Israel Bedell that the 2 Parishes, Hungar [*sic*] and Accomack on the Eastern shore Virginia were vacant—desired he would inform his son [Rev. Gregory Townsend Bedell], etc—Brother added postscript-Mail
- 7 Apr wrote son John—Hannibal near Oswego, answering his letters of Jan and March, that I could not at present advance any more-Mail

Eighteenth page:
[1818]

Tredwell & Thorne New York

Richmond 17 April 1818

My son John has written very pressingly to me for some further aid—however inconvenient this call is at present, and though it essentially interferes with arrangements

I had made for another event which I am daily looking for, yet to relieve my son from embarrassment I have agreed to meet his wishes, & this day write him authorizing him to draw upon your House on my account for Eleven hundred dollars.

Having no account from you since I left New York, I know not what is the sum you have of mine in your hands, but suppose it must be upwards of \$500—at foot hereof is a draft upon the Mechanic's Bank for \$600—these sums will meet any draft my son may make upon you—meantime favor me with a line with a sketch of my account, as soon as you receive this and you will much oblige me.

Accept my sincere condolences on the death of your good Mother, which I see noticed in the Evening Post—we have as yet no other account of it. I feel much interested for your worthy & heavily afflicted Father, and I pray you when you first see, or write him, to offer him my respectful sympathy on the melancholy bereavement he has sustained—you have some time ago heard of a similar distress to my daughter Livingston who I presume is now on her return to her mourning friends in this country. My best regards to all my friends at Brooklyn. I am, Dear Sir, Your Obligated Kinsman.

Cashier of the Mechanic's Bank New York.

Richmond 17 April 1818

Please to pay to Mrss. Tredwell & Thorne or their order Six Hundred Dollars and charge the same to your hb ser't [Humble servant] JM
\$600

17 Apr wrote also to Sister Hewlett &
to Rev. Seth Hart inclosing it—ans'r to his of 5th
to son John authorizing him to draw on Tredwell & Thorne as per above letter
to son Francis ans'g his of 28 Mar, 12th & 14th inst.-inclosing all the above to
him & the one to John open for him to send him copy—by Mr. Abbott of New York—
late House of Buckley & Abbott.

[In left margin next to these entries:] 25th Daughter Hart' second child born. Christened
by her Father Hart, Named by me—Lydia Moore. I stood godfather.

27 Apr wrote son John answering his of 8th, received yesterday—per Mail

9 May wrote Francis ans'g his of 14, 21 & 28 April
wrote Townsend ans'g his of 26 April—Mail—from New York—arrived 23

June

24 June wrote Daughter Hart—Mail

28 Jun wrote son Townsend from Throgs Neck—Mail
wrote son John—ditto-Mail

10 July wrote son Francis from Hempstead—Stage

15 July wrote Brother—ditto—Mail
wrote son & daughter Hart—ditto—paid the postage—Mail

24 July wrote ditto & sent 6 lbs. Souchong Tea, part of Chest by DePeyster per Sloop—also postscript to Mr. Hart's letter

25 July wrote Lawrence Reade Stephens, Bariffe Hall, Jamaica per [blank]

Nineteenth page:

25 July wrote postscript to Fanny L's letter to Daughter Hart—by water
wrote postscript to Rev. Hart's letter to her & William—by water

8 Aug wrote fully to son John, in ans'r to his 3 letters of 20, 21, 27 July—Mail

12 Aug wrote Brother-ans'g his of 24 July—Mail
wrote son Hart ans'g his of 3rd inst. -Mail

14 Aug wrote Cad[walader] D. Colden, Esq., Mayor—in behalf of I. B. & A. Smyth, viz't.

Sir

I feel assured that for the liberty I take in troubling you with this letter, the candor and liberality of your mind, will readily forgive me.

My brother-in-law, Mr. Israel Bedell, and my first cousin Andrew Smyth, are, and have long been, on the list of City Weighmasters. They tell me, that it is probable, the Corporation will make some change in that Department in a few days, and it is, in their behalf, I thus venture to solicit your favor and protection, for their continuance in their present offices, so far as you can do so with propriety. They are in no other business, and at present, no other resources are within their reach—and allow me to add—are of irreproachable characters, and that both of them have seen better days. Mr. Smyth is the son-in-law of my worthy kinsman, P.J. Livingston, Esq. of Throgs Neck.

Your friendly aid in this matter will be highly appreciated by my Brother, the Bishop, for whom I know you have much regard, and will also be esteemed as a favor done to, Sir

Yours very respectfully-
J. M.

29 Sep wrote son & daughter Hart-inclosed draft on Bank of Virginia, my favor, endorsed to Wm. For \$50, to pay for Ann's use—by Mail

wrote Daughter Hart, desiring the articles I wrote for some time ago might be sent by the first vessel—informed her of her brother John's marriage [John m. Catherine Amelia Vernam 16 Sep 1818 in Onondaga co, NY] and Brother Huntington's death [Gen. Jedediah Huntington d. 25 Sep 1818 at New London, CT]—her sister's late illness, etc—per Nephew Bedell

wrote Brother with similar information & that I had lately rec'd a letter from Sister Curry.

30 Sep wrote Sister Huntington on the subject of the death of Brother H, etc.—deliv'd Benj. H

1 Oct wrote Sister Curry on the same subjects—hoped they would take up their son John's note, in payment of the balance due from Father's Estate & sent her a receipt to sign for the same, on the return of which I would settle the same, whether they allowed John's note or not—deliv'd this day to Capt. Rundle of Sloop *Lady Gallatin*.

7 Oct wrote son John answer to his letter from Onondaga of 24th Sep with an enclosure of money from Mr. Bigelow—answer also to his letter from Oswego 26th Sep—that I had accepted his draft for \$130, and that I had desired Francis to send him a few articles for his wife-Mail

Mr. Otis Bigelow—I yesterday rec'd a packet from my son John with its enclosure containing \$200, which my son Thomas took immediately, and delivered agreeably to the direction of your enclosure, and herewith you will receive Mrss. Wood & McCoon's receipt for the same, which I take the first opportunity of forwarding you by Mail, as my son John requested—but as one of the seals of his letter had entirely defaced the name of the particular village where you reside, I can only direct this letter to Lysander, Onondaga county, and hope it will nevertheless go safe to hand. I am etc.-Mail

25 Oct wrote Lydia ans'r to hers of 17 & 19th that she need not send my bed nor anything else I had written for, we being now supplied. Requested the keys of the Desk & Bureau to be sent directly—also mentioned my late illness—Mail 26th

Twentieth page:

15 Nov **1818** wrote Brother, ans'r to his of 24 Oct—by Mail

17 Nov wrote daughter a few lines—by Dr. Carrington

15 Nov wrote Sister Curry ans'r to hers of 23rd Oct—per Capt. Rundle

2 Dec wrote Townsend ans'r to his of 22 Oct—per Mail

wrote John ans'r to his of 20 & 27 Oct—per Mail

wrote Sister Curry a few lines, desiring her son John to bring me some Poultry and eggs—per Rundle

10 Dec wrote Sister Huntington acknowledging hers of [blank]-deliv'd to B. Huntington

wrote Sister Hewlet inclosing receipt for her to sign—deliv'd to Tred: Seaman

wrote Sister Huntington....ditto...deliv'd B. Huntington

31 Dec wrote daughter Hart ans'r to hers of 11 and 21 Dec—per Mail

4 Jan **1819** wrote son Thomas by Schooner *Henry* Capt. Dominick—to Buenos Ayres

15 Jan wrote son Hart & sent him a bundle of the Eve. Post—per Mr. Whiting to forward

22 Jan wrote Brother—inclosed a letter from David, I brought yesterday—Mail 25th

wrote Sister Hewlet desiring her to send me the receipt

- 25 Jan forwarded letter to Mrs. Glentworth, Philadelphia from her daughter [Margaretta (Glentworth) Moore, wife of Rev. David Moore]—per Mail this day forwarded letter from Daughter L to her Aunt Cornelia Billings, Poughkeepsie—ditto
- 8 Feb ~~wrote son John fully~~ this not sent wrote a few lines to son & daughter Hart with bundle of Eve. Post per Mr. Lowry to forward
- 14 Feb wrote son John fully respecting his affairs—copy in the file of letters } per son Francis
wrote Joshua Forman, Esq. First Judge Onondaga County—ditto } per Stage the
- 15th wrote full directions for Francis on John's affairs—ditto }
- 20 Feb wrote Brother fully, ans'r to his of the 5th-Mail
wrote son & Daughter Hart ans'r to theirs of 19 Jan with his sermons by Water—Mail
- 22 Feb wrote son John answer to his of the 2nd inst.-Mail
- 15 Feb wrote Andrew Bell of Amboy enquiring about a House there.-Mail
- 25 Feb wrote ditto answer to his of 23rd—paid—Mail
- 6 Mar wrote ditto that I should visit him in a day or two, about his house. Pd.- Mail
- 15 Mar wrote son & daughter Hart with Newspapers & book for Ann. Per Schooner *Weymouth*
- 22 Mar wrote Brother that I had hired & should move to Amboy in a month-Mail
wrote son & daughter Hart that I was going to Amboy-Mail
wrote son John answer to his 3 letters of 24 Feb, and 3 & 20th inst.-Mail
- 30 Mar wrote A. Bell to engage me a Gardener, some manure and fire wood—ditto pd.
- 2 Apr wrote daughter, inclosing letters from Mrs. Frances C Hoffman & my Daughter Livingston with Eve. Post to 31 Mar } per Schooner *Ariadne* Capt. Seaman
- 1 Apr this day sailed Sam'l Hoffman & wife [the above mentioned Frances C. (Livingston) Hoffman] for Bermuda, per Schooner *Mary and Nancy*
- 4 Apr wrote son John that I had paid his draft for 2269.38.-Mail
wrote son & daughter Hart, that I had written the 2nd as above-Mail
- 19 Apr wrote Daughter Hart, account of Francis's marriage to Julia Munn, etc—Mail

~~15 Apr~~ wrote to ~~Wm~~ & sent the Eve. Post to the 10th—also wedding cake & lett'r from Betsey per the *Thames* Capt. Winant

19 Apr sent the cake, and the 2 letters from Betsey & the Eve. Post as above mentioned per Schooner *Jane* Capt. Seaman this day. The *Thames* having been struck the 17th by lightning and cargo & vessel so injured as to be unloaded & repaired before ship can go to sea.

21 Apr wrote Aunt Grizzey Moore, Mount Tirzah, N. Carolina acquainting her that her brother Philips & his two sons & their families removed from New York last by Land to Cincinnati, State of Ohio-Mail the 22nd. [Transcriber's note: Grizey Moore had four brothers: John, William, Thomas & Samuel. It is undetermined at this time (11/08) which of her brothers moved to Ohio, pending further research.]

23 Apr I removed with my Daughter's Furniture & part of her family by the Sloop *Spry*, Capt. Sequina to Perth Amboy—passage of 4 hours—before night had the greater part of the Goods in the House. I went to Mr. Bell's to Lodge this night.

Twenty-first page:

1819

Amboy

5 May 1819 wrote Daughter Hart of my removal here, etc } by son, D[avid] M[oore]
this day at New York

8 May added a postscript that we had heard of Thomas's arrival at Buenos Ayres & of Samuel & Frances Hoffman's arrival at Bermuda..... }

24 May wrote Daughter Hart and sent the residue of Eve. Post per Francis
wrote Rev. Seth Hart & sent him the Richmond Enquirer } per son } to go by
from Dec. to March last, rec'd from William..... } Francis } Hemps'd Stage

25 May wrote a line to Geo. W. Borrow, thanking him for the papers—per Francis
[Note: this is the first mention of George W. Borrowe, who would marry John Moore's granddaughter, Frances H. Livingston, in 1821.]

wrote son Thomas W.C. acknowledging his from Buenos Ayres of } care of
5 & 28 Feb and 5 March—a long letter-per Francis..... } Areth'c. De Frias & Co. Hava.
[in left margin:] he arrived at Amboy 30 June

27 May wrote Sister Huntington at NY—to visit us with her daughter. By Francis

6 June wrote son Townsend } Mail the 7th
wrote son John }

9 June wrote Maria Cox, as a postscript to my daughter's letter to her, inviting her here }
..... } Mail from Brunswick [NJ] by Mr. Young the 10th
wrote Jacob Hall, Philad'a, inclosing the above—pd. postage to Mr. Young 1/.

29 June son Thomas ret'd from Buenos Ayres, Pernambuco [Brazil] & Havana—30 he came to Amboy. [in left margin:] 30 to Staten Island with Thos, 7 July, I ret'd.

3 July wrote Brother from S:Isl'd by son Francis to New York—from thence to go by Mail the 7th— Daughter wrote Fanny & Miss Cox for which I paid the post'a the 9th—by Mail

7 July wrote son Francis by Steam Boat—chief subject Geo. Burrow [sic]

10 Jul wrote son D M [David Moore] that I had purchased potatoes for him—under cover to Thos.

11 Jul wrote Daughter Hart acknowledging her letters of 17 May & 17 June—Mail

16 Jul wrote son John answer to his of 24 June-rec'd 14th under cover to } per H.
son Francis in answer to his of 13th, rec'd 14th } Hoffman the 18th—Steam Boat
[in left margin:] 13th died my Grandchild Lydia M. Hart at Richmond.

18 Jul wrote Sister Huntington letter introducing Henry Hoffman to her & family—ditto (Steam Boat)

22 Jul wrote to Son & Daughter Hart ans'r to their letters of 15th with information of the death of their infant Lydia Moore on the 13th inst.-postscript from Thomas-Mail

27 Jul wrote Brother answer to his of the 20th-mentioned the illness of D [David's] wife—by a Mr. Austin of Fredericksburg

14 Aug wrote Sister Curry a long letter acknowledging one from her without date rec'd the 12th, urging her to send the rec't. & receive the money—sent her the Journal of the last Virginia Convention—per son Thomas to NY 18
[in left margin:] Lydia, Wm. & child arrived 7th Aug at NY & Hemsps'd; sailed for Rich'd 10th Oct.

18 Aug wrote son John ans'r to his letters of July and 3rd inst.-per Thomas to NY-from thence per Mail

29 Aug wrote a letter of advice & counsel to Grandson Charles on his going to Potsdam a few lines to Daughter Livingston who was at Hempstead, care Thos. at NY

8 Sep wrote son Townsend-Mail

13 Sep wrote Brother from Hempstead-Mail
[in left margin:] 10th to NY, 11th to Hempstead, 27 to S. Island, 30 ret'd to Amboy

24 Oct wrote son John, answer to his of 15 Sep and 4 Oct-sent by Francis to NY, to go by Mail

25 Oct wrote Daughter Hart of intended removal, etc., of H. H. & Betsey's [Henry Hoffman and Betsey Livingston] intended Marriage, of S. H. & wife's [Samuel & Frances C. (Livingston) Hoffman] return from Jamaica, my going to Richmond—Mail [in left margin:] 16 Oct to NY, 22 ret'd; 30 Betsey married, 31 to NYork; 2 Nov ret'd to Amboy, 4 left it, & arr'd at Rich'd the 13th.

5 Nov wrote Thomas and Francis per mail from Philadelphia.

14 Nov wrote Daughter L., Thomas & Francis from Richmond. Mail

24 Nov wrote son Townsend that I was at Richmond, and respecting the removal of the Family from Amboy to NYork, etc. Mail
wrote Daughter Livingston –under cover to Francis } per Sch'r *Sea Serpent* Capt.
wrote son Francis inclosing the above } Coles

14 Dec wrote Daughter Livingston inclosed to } per Sch'r *Emmaline*
wrote son Francis care Step. B. Munn's }

30 Dec wrote Francis ans'r to his of 9th and 18th –postscript of 3rd Jan 1820 –Mail

20 Jan **1820** wrote son Thomas acknowledging his from Sandy Hook the day he sailed
19 Nov last per ship *Blooming Rose* Capt. [blank] for Pernambuco –Mail
wrote son Francis a separate letter on same sheet inclosing the letter to Thomas
& acknowledging his of 3 inst. per Sch'r *Virginia* & of 10th and 14th per Mail.

Twenty-second page:

1820

23 Jan wrote Daughter Livingston a long letter in answer to hers of 3rd inst. per Schooner *Virginia* and of the 16th by Mail rec'd the 22nd –Mail
[in left margin, almost the whole length of the page:] Rev. Mr. Adam Empie came with Brother from the North Carolina Convention the 6th May and went with him from Richmond the 8th going to the State Convention at Alexandria & to the Gen'l Convention at Phil'a the 16th from thence.

29 Jan wrote son Francis fully in ans'r to his of the 19th respecting the birth of his son, and to the removal of his sister's family –sent him copy of my agreement with Henry Hoffman –Mail
wrote son Townsend answering his of the 18th by a Mr. Didier –Mail

4 Feb wrote son John a long letter on family affairs & acknowledging his of 21 Sep & 14 Nov last only rec'd 19 Jan. –Mail

15 Feb wrote Henry Hoffman ans'r to his of 6 inst. respecting Daughter & family –Mail

Daughter Livingston ans'r to hers of 6th on subject of her Board—on same sheet –Mail
Wrote son Francis ans'r to his of 1st & 4th referring him to letter to his Sister –
Mail

21 Feb wrote son D M acknowledging his of 3rd inst. –Mail

8 Mar wrote Daughter Livingston, acknowledging hers of 2nd with a line from
Henry—offering again \$600. for the board of herself, Fanny & the two little girls [Judith
Lydia (?) and Harriet A.], & also \$80.00 for William's schooling & Board at Maroneck
[sic] –annexed to my letter was one from Ann, approving Henry as her Guardian –Mail

28 Mar wrote son Francis ans'g his of 23 Feb –Mail

12 Apr wrote Geo. Burrow [Borrowe] thanking him for the News Papers he sent me
and desiring him to tell Francis I should write him in a few days –Mail

17 Apr wrote Francis on the subject of his going into business-inclosing letter to James
Swords desiring him to sell for me 25 shares W. I. stock and to pay the money to Francis
on my account—Mail

25 Apr wrote Francis-inclosed him certificates for 24 shares Washington Ins. Stock, to
be sold—the money for his use—Mail

26 Apr wrote son John-inclosed my certificate (of which a copy is filed among letters
rec'd this year) acknowledged before the Mayor, Dr. John Adams, in order to have his
Mortgage cancelled at Oswego and ans'd all his letters of 14 Feb, 5 & 26 March & 9
April—Mail

28 Apr wrote Daughter Livingston-ans'r to hers of 17th March—Mail
wrote so Townsend complaining of his not writing oftener—Mail

5 May wrote Sister Curry a long family letter-the 3rd since hearing from her—sent her
the money for her balance of T M Estate by Brother}
to Francis a line about John Curry's note—mislaidd or lost, except I left it with
him}

A letter to Brother on the subject of settling with Sister—I gave him a check on
Union Bank for \$140.16 for the balance due her, requesting him to receive and take the
money to her} sent by my Brother who left Richmond 8 May.

18 May wrote a few lines to son Townsend acknowledging his two letters of 2nd & 9th—
sent him Chubb's draft on Clark this date for 50 dollars—Mail

24 May wrote Daughter Livingston ans'r to hers of 31 March & 3 May telling her I
should set off for New York in about a fortnight—Mail

27 May wrote Henry Hoffman ans'r to his & Betsey's letters of 21st by mail—desired him to write a line to me directed to care of James Cox's Esq., Baltimore, till called for and to pay the postage—Mail

5 June wrote ditto [Henry Hoffman] that Lydia was safe in bed with a daughter; desired that all her friends at NY may be informed of it—that I should probably set off on my return north in about a week—Mail

7 June wrote Townsend, ans'r to his of 30 May that Lydia had a daughter, that his sister Livingston was recovering, that I should leave on this Sunday next, hoped to see him at NY next month—Mail

Twenty-third page:
[1820]

11 Jun Left Richmond, arrived at New York the 21st

18 June Phil'a wrote Daughter Hart by my Brother who I met here on his return from New York

22 June New York wrote Daughter Hart acquainting her with my arrival—Mail

10 July wrote Daughter Hart acknowledging hers by Mrs. Hart, & particulars of all our family, etc—Mail post paid
wrote Brother of my arrival, birth of David's son, etc—Mail

18 Aug wrote Daughter Hart that I sent her some sweetmeats & Rusts [russets or rusks?], & that her sister had sent her some pickles—by Sch: *Lady Tompkins*—also about Wm's call to Norfolk, which Mr. van Loo [Lew] told me of—Mail, post paid
wrote son John ans'g his of 25 July—sent him Benjamin Huntington's check on Bank of Utica for \$200.00—assured him this must be my last and final advance for him—desired an immediate ans'r—Mail same day

29 Aug wrote Sister Hewlett—the birth of a son the 26th inst. to my G Daughter Betsey Livingston & her husband Henry Hoffman—Rev. S. Hart [Transcriber's note: This is previously unknown information about the family of Henry and Betsey (Livingston) Hoffman.]

30 Aug wrote son David that I should go to S. Island Saturday next—Steam Boat

31 Aug wrote Mr. Hart that the Norfolk Story is totally unfounded—per Curtis

12 Sep wrote Daughter Hart a long letter, ans'r to hers by Mr. Peck—Mail & paid
wrote to son John desiring a speedy ans'r to mine of 18 Aug—Mail

22 Sep wrote to Daughter Hart acknowledging hers by Mr. Williamson—Mr. Williamson

- 29 Sep wrote Mr. Hart inclosing him a letter to me from son Hart of the 21st—Stage
- 4 Oct wrote Mr. Hart that by letter from Lydia, all were well at R'd the 29th ulto—Stage
- 18 Oct wrote son Hart that I sent a carpet by Sloop *Virginia*, Capt. Thorp—Mail
- 27 Oct wrote son Hart per Schooner *Angessora*, Capt. Pike, and sent 5 bb apples for him, and 3 bb's for Brother, and receipt inclosed—per the Schooner
- 31 Oct left NYork
- 7 Nov wrote to Daughter Livingston from Philadelphia—Mail
- 11 Nov arrived Richmond
- 20 Nov wrote Daughter Livingston acknowledging her letter of the 10th, mentioned that I should continue to pay Wm's board and schooling for the year, that I should fully answer her soon—Mail
- 30 Nov wrote to son D. Moore of my arrival here—Journey-snow storm this day, etc.—Mail
- 5 Dec wrote son Francis desiring the *Evening Post* to be sent me daily—Mail

1821

- 7 Jan wrote son Francis ans'g his of 20 Nov & 17 Dec—Mail
wrote Daughter Livingston a long letter ans'g hers of 28 Nov & 20 & 31 Dec—Mail
- 19 Jan wrote Son John, ans'r to his of 6 Dec, sent him a new discharge of his Mortgage dated 5 inst. witnessed by Wm. H. Hart & Mark L. Chevers, acknowledged before Dr. John Adams, Mayor with his signature this date—Mail
- 21 Jan wrote son David, ans'r to his of 14 Dec, mentioned to him acc'ts from Townsend & Thos—Mail
wrote Randal Street, Esq. in Congress—subject Sister Billings and Betsey's deaths, wishing to know what arrangements are making for the other Daughters—Mail [Transcriber's note: "Sister Billings" is John Moore's sister-in-law, Cornelia (Livingston) van Kleeck Billings. "Betsey" is her eldest daughter by Maj. Andrew Billings, so, Betsey is John Moore's niece by marriage. Randall S. Street is the husband of Cornelia (Billings) Street, Betsey's younger sister. The other daughters mentioned were Helen, Maria & Harriett B. if all were still living. Maria was; see below.]
- 3 Feb wrote Son Townsend ans'g all his letters from Port au Prince & Charleston, particularly one rec'd yesterday, on his return from Port au Prince—Mail

wrote Maria Billings ans'r to hers of 16 Jan rec'd from Mr. Street—Mail
wrote R. S. Street inclosing the one to Maria Billings—Mail

4 Feb wrote Son Francis inclosing 2 five dollar Notes of the Union Bank to repay him, subscription for the *Ev'g Post*--} by my nephew Rensselaer Moore
wrote cousin Mrs. F. C. Hoffman at Swanton, Vermont}
wrote grandson Charles M. Livingston at Potsdam, NYork}
wrote Daughter Livingston inclosing the two last mentioned letters , & a letter from Ann—also 4 half Eagles 20 D's [dollars] to pay William's last quarter board & schooling}

7 Feb wrote R. S. Street, Esq. answer to his of 27th Jan, requesting him to pay us visit at Richmond, when the Session ends—Mail

Twenty-fourth page:

1821

10 Feb wrote Sister Curry, Sister Huntington, Sister Hewlett, full family letters, particularly concerning my children absent as well as present—per Schooner *Leader* Capt. Knap, 16th

16 Feb wrote to Daughter inclosing the above 3 letters

12 Mar to Daughter in answer to her two last of 18th & 25 Feb—wrote on the subject of board} by Mr. Ustick
to son Francis ans'g his of 1st inst. with postscript of the 5th}

17 Mar to son Townsend ans'g his of 1 Feb, expecting him to arrive soon at C Town—Mr. Seixas

7 Apr to son Townsend acquainting him with Thomas's arrival at New York and inviting him (Townsend) to come to R'd, to go with me to NY—Mail
to son Thomas on his arrival, ans'g his of 2nd inst.—Mail

9Apr to Daughter Livingston ans'g hers of 18 & 25 Mar and 1st inst.—Mail 12 May

12 Apr to Son Francis ans'g his of 14 March & 31st with postscript of 2nd inst.—Mail

17 Apr to Son John ans'g his of 13 Feb-mentioned Thomas's arrival & Townsend expected and that my next would probably be from NY where I expected to go in May—Mail

18 Apr to Son Thomas ans'g his of 12th acknowledged his enclosures, which I will return to him—Mail

21 Apr to Randal S. Street, Esq. acknowledging his two, of 20 & 26 Feb with one from M. B. [Maria Billings]—Mail

22 Apr to Son Thomas in reply to his of 16th from on board the Steam Boat on his way to Boston—sent him back the inclosures—Mail

25 Apr to Geo. Burrowe [Borrowe] ans'r to his of 20th on his intended marriage—Mail [Transcriber's note: George Borrowe married Frances H. Livingston, granddaughter of John Moore, in June of 1821.]

3 May to son Townsend ans'g his of 27 April on his arrival from Marigoane [?]
—Mail

New York

28 May to son Townsend with permission to draw upon me for 200 D' at Union Bank—Mail N.B. He had sailed for Hayti before this letter reached him; he rec'd it on his return 8 Aug.

to Son Hart repeating my request that he would send on my trunk—Mail
to my Brother acquainting him with my arrival & family affairs—Mail

20 June to Son John desiring to know of a private conveyance & about road, etc.—Mail

5 June to Son Townsend ans'g his of 15 May—omitted entry above—Mail

2 August to Sister Curry on my return from Peekskill inclosing the B. Consul's advertisement respecting Pensioners, to be sent Mrs. Ward—also sent snuff for Sister. I sent this & a pound of Macauba by a Granddaughter-daughter of Sally Ward—by the Sloop I returned in from Peekskill

4 Aug wrote Daughter Hart, my return from Peekskill—wish to hear from her—per Curtis

7 Aug wrote Brother, mentioned his daughter Sally having just arrived—Mail
wrote Son Hart, mentioned my different rambles, since last wrote him—Mail pd

11 Aug wrote Son Townsend care Henry J. Jones, Charleston—N.B. omitted in Mail from NY—put in Mail at Hempstead 14th—Mail

6 Sep wrote Son John ans'g his of 19 June & 9 July—given up thoughts of going to Oswego—that Lydia & family went yesterday—that Townsend had again sailed—no acc't of Thomas—the family here all well, etc—Mail pd postage

20 Sep wrote Mrs. Hart inclosing Lydia's letters from Richmond—Stage

6 Sep wrote Mr. Hart inclosing Wm's letters from Trenton of 4th inst—Stage

20 Sep wrote Sister Curry—inclosed 3 papers relative to Storm 3rd inst—Sloop
Stranger

23 Sep wrote Daughter Hart acknowledging hers of 14th—paid postage of this—Mail
25th

27 Sep wrote Daughter Hart, mentioned T.D.M's [Thomas Daniel Moore, son of Rev.
Thomas Lambert & Judith Moore] marriage this evening at St. Paul's—also Betsey
Hoffman's daughter born the 24th—by Mr. Bachus of Richmond

8 Oct wrote Son John ans'g his of [blank] September by Mr. Crocker & sent him Viz't
14 yds of yard wide cotton shirting, 12 ½ yds 7/8 wide, 3 cravats, 2 flannel shirts, 1 pr
worsted gloves, 1 pr Leather gloves, 1 pr shoes, 3 pr wool stockings, 1 pr new lamb's
stockings, 3 shirts, 2 lbs Hyson Tea, 1 Vol. Smith's Sermons, Hobart on the Festivals,
West on the Resurrection—by Mr. D. Crocker

12 Oct wrote Son Townsend, care Henry J. Jones, Charleston—Mail
wrote Sister Huntington—by her son-in-law Mr. P Richards

Twenty-fifth page:

23 Oct 1821 wrote Lydia, answer to hers of September and 18th inst.-paid—Mail
wrote Son Hart & sent the Ev'g Post from June to this time per Capt. Butler,
Schooner *Lady Tompkins*

25 Oct wrote Rev. Seth Hart & inclosed Lydia's letter of 18th—Stage

31 Oct to Daughter Hart with inclosures from Hempstead—a letter from Ann, Bishop
Hobart's State Convention publication, and all the Ev'g Posts since 22nd—by Asa Otis
wrote Brother complaining of his not ans'g my letters—ditto

24 Nov wrote a joint letter to Son & Daughter Hart in answer to Lydia's 2 of 1st & 13
inst. the last mentioning the birth of her 4th daughter the day before, also answer to
William's of the 19th-paid—Mail

25 Oct Copy to Henry J. Jones, Merch't, Charleston, S. Carolina—per Mail

Sir—The great anxiety and uncertainty under which my mind has for some
weeks, and still is suffering, will plead my apology for giving you the trouble of this
application respecting the long absence of my dear son Townsend—daily for a month
past, have I been expecting to hear from him on his return to Charleston—daily also do I
look over all the ship news and arrivals at every Port in the Union, hoping to find some
account of the Vessel in which he sailed—hitherto, all my search has been in vain—what
with the horrid piracys in the West Indies and the numerous ship Wrecks in those
latitudes, as well as on our own Coast, I am kept in unceasing dread on my Son's
account.

Let me therefore beg the favor of hearing from you by first Mail after this reaches you—a very aged man's mind is less firm than in younger days, and when less able to bear sorrows and disappointment of any kind, is sure to have his cup filled to the brim—excuse me, Sir, & allow me to subscribe with esteem

Your unknown friend & H'b Sv't J M

The 12th Ulto I wrote Townsend by Mail to your care, expecting it would meet him at Charleston—did the letter reach you?—N.B.-pd postage

26 Oct wrote Son Hart and sent him 1 barrel Spitsenberg & 1 barr'l Newtown pippins per Sloop *Haxall* Capt. Holmes & his rec't mentioned my writing to him per mail 24th—also sent all the Evening Posts up to this date-

2 Dec wrote Daughter Hart by mail wishing much to hear from her and Wm. }
wrote Brother a long family letter ans'g his of 15 Nov } by Mr. Ustick
before taking the above letter to my Daughter to the Post Office, I rec'd hers of
30 Nov, & ans'd it—not able to comply with her request as to the purchase of the Black
Woman & child, I gave Wm. liberty to draw upon me at 10 days sight for 150 dollars
payable at U. Bank and instead of sending my letter by Mr. Ustick, sent it by the Mail
and paid the postage

22 Dec wrote Rev. Seth Hart sent him Lydia's last letter of [*blank*]—Stage
wrote Son Townsend care Henry J. Jones, Charleston—Mail
to Daughter Hart ans'g hers of [*blank*]—Mail paid

24 Dec forwarded Son Francis's 2 letters to Townsend & John—Mail
to Sister Curry-sent a basket with Raisins, cakes & bottle Raspberry Brandy,
part of what I had bought of Francis—per Captain Rundle.

Twenty-sixth page:

1821 Dec 31 wrote Son & Daughter Hart, answer to theirs of 25th—offered them 200
instead of 150, if they can by that aid procure Flora—Mail 4 Jan 1822

1822 Jan 2 wrote Mr. Hart & inclosed him Wm. & Lydia's of 25 Dec by a Market Man

4 Jan sent this day per Captain Coffin all the Eve'g Posts to 31 Dec, 11 H [?] Cakes
put among them for children—directed to Rev. W. H. Hart, Richmond—per Capt. Coffin
wrote Wm. Prince desiring to know the value of Flushing Bridge Stock, and to
receive my dividend, if any due, & to hear from him—

20 Jan wrote son & daughter Hart ans'g theirs of the 9th about \$150 draft on me—Mail
wrote son John ans'g his two of 18th Nov & 8th inst., ment'd Thos. arrival etc.—
Mail

2 Jan wrote Rev. S. Hart-enclosed W. & L's letter of 9th inst.—per Curtis [repeat of
above entry]

10 Jan wrote Townsend ans'r to his of 21 Dec—Mail [Note: It must have been a great relief to hear from his son after a prolonged period of silence, which drove John Moore to write the impassioned plea to Henry Jones of Charleston for information.]

3 Feb wrote Mr. Hart, Hempstead—Curtis

8 Feb wrote Townsend ans'r to his of 18th Jan—Mail

9 Feb wrote Brother ans'r to his of 29th Dec last—Mail

11 Feb wrote Daughter Hart ans'g hers of 22 & 23 Jan—Mail
wrote a line to Son Hart with Ev. Posts to 12th per Schooner *Bold Commander*,
Captain Bogert for Richmond—Capt. Bogert

11 Mar wrote Brother ans'r to his of the 19th Feb—Mail

12 Mar wrote Sister Curry ans'g hers without date-sent 19th by Conklin per Sloop, Capt. Hunt

15 Mar wrote Lydia, sent Ev. Post from 13 Feb to 14 Inst. per Schooner *Atlantic*, Capt. Woglan

22 Mar to Townsend ans'g his of 26 Jan, rec'd 4 days ago, also his of 12th inst.--Mail [inserted] rec'd 18 April letter from Henry J. Jones that Townsend had sailed before the above had got to ChsTown.

Copy to Mr. William Hylton

Jamaica

My Dear Sir

New York 23 March 1822

Before you read a line of this letter, you will turn overleaf to see the name of the Subscriber, and I feel assured, that much as you may be surprised, you will not be displeased at finding one of the oldest, if not the very oldest of your friends, thus breaking in unexpectedly upon a nonintercourse of more than 50 years standing. Old as I am, I remember with heartfelt satisfaction the pleasant days of our youth, and the strict intimacy and cordial friendship, which subsisted between us, & your Brother Daniel in early life—commencing when Boys at School, & never a moment interrupted until separated by the unavoidable contingencies of Life, and to which each of us in our appointed time became subject. These recollections often—very often, occur to my mind, and at times, I can almost realize the enjoyments of those happy hours so innocently and so pleasantly passed in the society of each other, when neither cares, nor troubles of any kind assailed us.

For many years past, I have intended to do what at length I am now doing, and which according to the usual Etiquette, perhaps you ought to have commenced, but a circumstance has recently occurred, in your dear Brother's family at Richmond, which at once removes all ideas of ceremony on my part, and I delay not an hour in communicating it to you.

If you do not personally know him, you have probably heard that my Brother, the Rev. Dr. Richard Channing Moore, is Bishop of our Church in Virginia. He is the intimate friend, and very near neighbor of your Brother Daniel's widow, and of Mrs. Dabney, his Daughter. I rec'd yesterday a letter from the Bishop, in which he mentions the recent death of Mr. Dabney, leaving your good niece and her fatherless children in circumstances of much distress, and in need of all the aid and consolations of her friends. My...[continued]

Twenty seventh page:

...Brother having often heard me speak of the great intimacy that formerly subsisted between us, and feeling himself a deep interest in all that concerns Mrs. Dabney, her children and her aged Mother, has requested me to lose no time in acquainting you with this bereavement in her Family, and with all becoming delicacy, has desired me to say to you, that any assistance which your Brotherly affections may dispose you to render your afflicted niece, will to his knowledge be most kindly & gratefully received.

I have within the last six years, passed four winters at Richmond, where I have also a Daughter settled (the wife of the Rev. Mr. Hart, asst. to Dr. Buchanan) and on account of the friendly attachment I ever bore your Brother as well as yourself, I took frequent opportunities of visiting his widow, and both his Daughters & their families, & with great pleasure I can add, from my own knowledge and observations, that all the Ladies are very highly respected and valued in the number of the most amiable & deserving of the Inhabitants of Richmond. It is not for me, my dear old friend, to say upon this occasion, and upon paper, what are my wishes—communications by letter are too uncertain—added to which, altogether a stranger as I am to your own situation—it would be improper for me to say much on the subject—to your own philanthropy & benevolent heart, I leave the suggestions which will naturally arise—Mrs. Dabney's son soon leaves Richmond for Alabama to seek support in that very distant part of the United States—this must add to his mother's affliction—her daughters are agreeable young ladies and much respected—you probably know that Mr. Prosser and family left Richmond some time ago, to make a new settlement in the Western Country.

Dear Hylton, gratify me, with acknowledging the receipt of this letter as soon as your convenience and regard for me will afford an opportunity—how this is to go forward at present I know not—probably by way of Bermuda, Haiti or Cuba, as Congress last week came to the determination of not repealing the Restriction Law—so if Parliament stick to their text, the nonintercourse with the British Colonies will remain in the status quo. When you favor me with a line, direct to the care of my nephew & grandson, Mess'rs Moore & Hoffman, Merchants, New York, and not being in business myself, should you send anything for Mrs. Dabney, direct it in same way, and all will be safe & without charge.

Not concerned in Trade of any kind, and having no children here, except my widow Daughter Livingston (who lost her Husband at Jamaica 3 years ago) & her family, who all board with her son Hoffman since their return from Aleppo—I am an old wanderer, a kind of Steam Engine or Floating Machine between Richmond to the south, Ballston Springs North, New London East, Long and Staten Islands and other excursions in this vicinity, so you see, like the old man in the comedy—"I keep moving."

On my last visit to Elizabeth Town, I called as usual to see your good Sister, & was surprised to find she had emigrated to Jamaica. I pray my best respects to her and Mrs. H if living—altho' I know none of your family, them only excepted, and none of your children know me, yet tell them all, they have my best wishes, and that I knew & loved their Parents, before they were thought of.

May it please the Great Parent of us all to bless you, and all who are dear to you—and be assured I remember you with my heart's best feelings & that I remain

Your Affect'e Old friend

J M

[Note: In referring to the business partners, Moore & Hoffman, as being John Moore's "nephew and grandson", most likely he means Thomas D. Moore, son of the Rev. Thomas Lambert Moore, and Henry Hoffman, who married Elizabeth Livingston, John Moore's granddaughter.]

26 Mar wrote Brother ans'g his of 16th and agreeably to his wishes, wrote to Mr. Hylton, of which the foregoing is a Copy, or nearly so—and for his better information, sent a copy to him on same sheet to save him the expense of double postage—per Mail 27th.

Twenty eighth page:

13 Apr wrote son John a family letter—surprised he did not write by Mr. Crocker, by whom this was intended, but he did not call upon me as he had promised my Daughter—wrote about his insurance—Mail the 15th paid

27 Apr wrote son & daughter Hart a long letter ans'g theirs of the 12th & sent the Ev. Post up to the 26th complete—per schooner *Virginia*, Capt. Mitchell

30 Apr wrote son Thomas per ship *London Trader* Capt. Ainslie—to Canton

9 May wrote niece Eliza C. Currey, & sent for her mother 2 bottles wine, 4 oranges, 4 lemons, 12 Rusk, 1 lb. Raisins & some New Year cakes, the Basket for Betsey, the handkerchief over it for the servant girl—per Capt. Rundle, the 10th

[In left margin, between the 9 May entry and 3 June entry] 24 May—Townsend sailed from Ch's Town for Cape Haytien per Sch'r *Little Cherub* Capt. Davis.

11 May wrote Daughter Hart acknowledging hers of 29th April—Mail wrote son Hart—sent him the plates and impressions for him and Mr. Fitzwhylsoun-cost 10 dollars. Charged W. H. Hart—also sent the Evening Post complet from 27 April to 10 May—Schooner *Leader* Capt. Knap.

13 May wrote son Townsend ans'g his letter from Bermuda & 2 from Cape Haytien—care John G. [?] Barrill, Merch't. Ch Town—Mail

- 22 May wrote son John complaining of his long silence—gave him all the family news—Mail
- 23 May wrote niece E. C. Currey ans'g her two of the 13 & 19th inst.—per Capt. Rundle
- 3 June wrote Mr. Hart, Hempstead & sent him a paper parcel with two letters from Richmond which I rec'd the 1st inst.—I suppose they are those sent in April by the Sch'r. *Leader*, but kept back till this time—by George Weeks per Stage
- 4 June wrote Sister Hewlett—intended by Mr. Hart but he did not call—per d'o. [ditto]
- 6 June wrote niece Betsey Curry, ans'g hers of 28 May per Travis the 10th
- 11 June wrote Sally M at S. Isl'd about her going Home 1st July with Mr. Otis }
 wrote Brother that I had been to Peekskill & other Family matters }
 wrote Daughter Hart a long Family letter, P'kill, Townsend, etc }
 Son Hart with Ev. Post compleat to this day-no ans'r to mine 27 A, 11 May } per Schooner *Leader* Capt. Knap
- 13 June Sister Hewlett by Mary Ann Ward
- 19 July Son John answer to his of 10th June—Mail pd.
 niece Betsey Curry, ans'r to her letter of 17 June—per Capt. Beardmore
 Brother, ans'r to his of 15 June—Mail
 Daughter Hart ans'r to hers of 15 Jun & 6 July—Mail
- 24 July Daughter Hart inclosing letter from Miss Campbell & all the Ev. Posts to this day—per Sch'r *R. States-Cole*
 Rev. Seth Hart inclosing Lydia's letters of 29 Ap, 13 Jun & 6 July—Stage
- 2 Aug Betsey Currey—sent basket containing viz't. 2 bottles Malaga Wine, 1 lb. Hyson, 2 lbs. raisins, 1 lb. Dry Rusk, 1 lb. figs & 7 lbs sugar-also loose 1 loaf single B. Sugar. By Sloop *Superior*, Capt Rundle
 Son Townsend ans'g all his letters from Charlestown in May & two from Hayti, 21 & 22 June last by Mr. Foster.
- 7 Aug Son Francis inclosing a letter from his Sister Lydia by Mr. Cheavers by Steam Boat
 Granddaughter Ann inclosing a letter from Richmond by d'o.-by mail to Poughkeepsie-paid
- 24 Aug wrote son Townsend to Charleston }
 [In left margin] at Poughkeepsie
 Son John inclosing a letter from Lydia by Mr. Cheavers }
 Daughter Livingston, to NYork } all by Mail & pd postages

In left margin] at Hempstead

13 Sep wrote Geo. W. Borrowe inquiring about my Baggage left at Mr. Kip's—Mail

23 Sep d'o-again respecting the same-by Mr. Whiting

24 Sep a long letter to Daughter Hart }
to son John ans'g his of 27 Aug } pd. post-Mail

Twenty ninth page:

29 Sep wrote Daughter Livingston by son Townsend-
wrote G. W. Borrowe by Benjamin Huntington

2 Oct son Francis, inclosing one from Townsend who did not leave Hempstead til 3rd
inst.

21 Oct Daughter Livingston, G. W. Borrowe & son Francis by Hempstead stages
John H. Hill respecting the missing letter from Thomas & enquiring about him
Daughter Hart, telling her Townsend intended her a visit—Mail

27 Oct Son John answering his last, & that I expected to go to Richmond soon—Mail
wrote G.W.B. & Daughter Livingston ans'g theirs by stage—Stage

Phil'a

10 Nov wrote G.W.B. & Daughter L that I was so far on my journey—Mail

Richmond

20 Nov wrote G.W.B. & Daughter L on my safe arrival, a long account of my journey—
Mail

30 Nov wrote G.W.B. ans'g his of 12th, complied with his request, but also desired he
would apply to Coz. [cousin] J. H. M. [John Holland Moore, son of Lambert] on same
subject, our sights [or eights?] being similar—Mail 2nd Dec

Son Francis-particulars of my journey on same sheet with letter to George—
Mail

8 Dec to Daughter Livingston, ans'r to hers of 24th Nov—by Rev. Mr. Johnson
to son Townsend ans'r to his of 19 Nov from Ch'ton, by mail from NY—Mail

16 Dec to G. W. Borrowe ans'g his of 9th & sent him check of this date on U. B. favor
of Mr. Tylee for \$12.50 as per entry in Day Book—Mail

1823 Jan 7 Copy to Geo. W. Borrowe
per mail

Richmond 7 January 1823

Dear George—I have to thank you for your obliging letter of the 29th ulto., and
notice what you say respecting the Stock business. As you cautiously decline giving me
any advice from yourself, in which of them to adventure, or which to sell out, & as you

give a broad hint that what I at present hold is deemed perfectly safe, I shall not part with what I hold in the New York Insurance Co., much as I am disappointed and cut short of income in their having made no dividend this year.

Above I have written and duly executed two powers of attorney to you (supposing each office would demand one to be kept on their files) to receive the dividends due in both cases—the Eagle will be 72 and the Bank of America 60 dollars, and you have also the above check on the Union Bank for 950 which is all I have there except about 20—making altogether 1082 dollars—from this sum you will please deduct the 25 you have advanced lately to my dear daughter, & pay William's board & schooling for his last quarter due in November. Mr. Palmer's charge is 15 but probably there is due for some little matters a trifle more, I have therefore set down at random 17 for Mr. Palmer, deducting those two sums making 42 leaves one thousand and forty dollars, and with this, I will thank you to purchase in my name, either ten shares in the Bank of America or to a like amount in the City Bank. I know not the cost of the shares in the latter, whether the original subscription was 50 or 100—if the former, and you purchase in it, it will be 20 shares—if the latter, only 10—you will hold the certificates, putting them under a sealed cover, designating whose they are. As soon as you have executed this little business, you will advise me, in order that I may make the proper entries in my books—at present, of course it is merely noticed as an memorandum in my day book. I shall be perfectly satisfied with your election as to the Stock you purchase. Inclosed is a letter for my daughter.

I have a few lines from Townsend of 18th Dec. He was well, but uncertain when he should sail for the West Indies. I have also a letter from John of 22nd Nov. all well, but not a line from Francis, since I left him.

Our weather has been very uncomfortable for the last fortnight. Snow, hail, rain, frost and thaw, incessantly. The walking so bad that I am much confined to my room, of course, can take little or no exercise, but thank God tho'...

Thirtieth page:

...very feeble, my health has been pretty good, ever since my arrival here.

My love to our dear Fanny. You both have my best wishes and prayers, that the present, and all your future years, may be happy. Your affect'n G.F. and friend JM
Regards to my old friends when you see them—before finishing this letter, I have one from Francis, but he had not I believe, rec'd mine, on the same sheet to you 30 Nov.
Copies on the same sheet, viz't:

I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George W. Borrowe to be my Attorney as such to receive from the Eagle Fire Company at New York, the dividend due on my sixteen shares in the stock of said company, and in my behalf to give the usual receipt for the same. Witness my hand and seal at Richmond the 7 January 1823

John Moore (seal)

Witness: Wm. H. Hart

Repeat of the above power of attorney made for the Bank of America.

Cashier of the Union Bank New York

Richmond Virginia 7 Jan 1823

\$950.-- Pay to Mr. George W. Borrowe or his order Nine hundred & fifty dollars
John Moore (seal)

14 Jan wrote on same sheet a few lines to my Grandson Alex'r Hamilton Livingston in answer to his of the 10th inst. with desire of G. W. Borrowe to pay him fifteen dollars, on my account out of the above dividend, and to deposit the balance in the Union Bank on my account. The dividend as advertised is 4%-100 dollars—Mail

27 Jan to GWB acknowledging his of 15th with check on Union Bank for 85 provided he had made the deposit above mentioned—requested him to pay H. Hoffman \$100 and to send me 4 pounds Hyson Tea and on the same sheet...

to Daughter L acknowledging hers of 25 Dec by water & of 15th inst. by Mail both rec'd 3 days ago—mentioned I had desired George to pay Henry—Mail

to Francis ans'g his of 29 Dec (one letter) and 15 Jan (annexed to one from George), both by Mail—care Mr. Step. B. Munn [Francis Moore's father-in-law] Mail

29 Jan to Henry Hoffman answer to his of 23rd that I had desired GWB to pay him 100 dollars, before his letter rec'd this day came to hand—Mail

to Eliz. Hoffman [wife of Henry, granddaughter of John Moore] on same sheet, ans'g hers annexed to Henry's letter of 23rd—Mail

to son John a long family letter ans'g his of 22nd Nov. last—pd the postage-25 cents—Mail

Thirty-first page:

1823

Feb 11th wrote GWB acknowledging his of 3rd Inst.-sent him power to receive the div'd due on my 86 shares W.I. Stock, to 1st Inst: 193.50-to pay himself the balance of 20 as per his account—to send me the check on Virg'a Bank for \$145.82 to retain the balances til further orders—desired him to enquire for Board, at B. Huntington's—except convenient at his own House on terms the same as last winter & should he on my account take another House, I would pay the difference of Rent—sent him a check on Union Bank for 72.32 the balance due me there, and to pay H.H. 100} Mail the 12th

24 Feb wrote GWB a few lines merely to cover the following for him to forward to Daughter Livingston, a long letter to know of H. Hoffman whether 500 will do after May 1st-telling her he had always been paid 6 or 3 months in advance except for last month only & was paid in full to May—

to my niece E.C. Curry-that I hoped to be at Peekskill next summer—that Bro. expected to go in May—but I too feeble to travel fast—

to Sister Hewlet—similar information and desired to hear from her son-in-law J.C., about the House I spoke to him of at Hempstead—

to Rev. Seth Hart inclosing the one to Sister Hewlett—} by Mr. Ustick 28th

28 wrote GWB respecting a House in NY if at or under 200 per annum & inclosing to son Thomas ans'g his 5 letters—to be for'd by the Howlands—Mail 1 March

Mar 8 to GWB that if my daughter cannot furnish the House, the plan suggested in my letter of 28th must be dropped—Mail 8th

11 Mar to GWB inclosing letters } by Mr Otis
to Daughter Livingston }
to son Francis } Mr. O. did not leave Richmond til 16th

17 Mar to GWBorrowe to take the House my daughter had been to view, or if rented, to engage any other she & Henry approved of. Lydia wrote to her sister on same sheet—Mail

22 Mar to son Thomas acknowledging all his letters from Canton—enclosed in a letter to Henry Hoffman, desiring him to deliver it to Mess'rs Howlands to forward to Monte Video or Buenos Ayres—also on same sheet to H } per Schooner *Exit*, Capt. Bell
to his wife & to Ann } acknowledging their letters of 8, 9, & 11th
to my daughter & to George
to son Townsend, acknowledging his from Cape Haytien of 11 Feb care of Mess'rs Blake & Robertson's, or at Mrs. Marg. Munro's, Charlestown—Mail

31 Mar to GWBorrowe ans'g his of 24th & inclosing letter
to Daughter & son Francis. The one to Front Street to George—Mail

Apr 7 to son Townsend ans'g his of 24 Feb, 3, 8, & 13 March care Mess'rs Blake & Robertson, Charlestown—Mail

13 Apr to son Francis, ans'g his of the 4th
to John Clowes ans'g his of 5th about Marvin's House etc.—Mail

22 Apr Copy to Thos. W. Moore Esq. Agent British Packets New York—Mail 24
Dear Sir

As I knew not any Individual except yourself who can give me the information which I...

Thirty second page:

...wish, as to the subject of this letter, I feel apprised, I shall without delay be favored with a satisfactory line in answer. When your good Aunt Nancy, and I were young folks (our intimacy took place at your Father's in 1772) a very pleasant & affectionate correspondence commenced between us, immediately upon her return to Moore Hall and happily, the reperusal of her letters a day or two ago, has forcibly impressed a wish, which I have for many years entertained, to enjoy a meeting with her once again in our old age. Be kind enough therefore, if she is still living, to give me an exact direction to the place of her residence, and if possible and that my health & strength will allow of it, I will make an exertion to see her on my return to New York, in about a fortnight. Altered as she would find me, after a separation of more than half a century, I doubt not, calling myself to her remembrance.

My intended route is by the Steam Boat line to Baltimore & French Town, thence across to New Castle, and if your Aunt lives in the State of Delaware, I presume it cannot be very wide from that great Stage road.

I make no apology for troubling you on this occasion, but beg you to accept the affectionate regards and best wishes of your old friend & kinsman. J.M.

Direct to me at Rev. Wm. H. Hart's

[Transcriber's note: This letter to Thomas William Moore II refers to Ann Moore, daughter of William & Williamina (Wemyss) Moore of Moore Hall, Chester County, PA. She married Charles Greenbury Ridgeley and lived the rest of her life in Delaware. Unfortunately, she had died some 13 years before John Moore sought to visit her again in "their old age."]

24 Apr [1823] to G. W. Borrowe a long letter ans'g his of 19th-Mail

1 May to d'o [G. W. Borrowe] ans'g his of 24th—telling him I expected to leave Richmond next week & that my NY friends need not write again, except that I wish to meet a line at Phil'a, care my nephew the Rev. G.T.B. [Gregory Thurston Bedell], also to stop the newspaper-Mail

12 May to son Francis that I expected to leave this on the 14th via Norfolk and the Steam Boat line—that probably I may pass some days with my friends there—Baltimore, Phil'a, Trenton—therefore not to expect, till they see or hear again from me—Mail

Arrived at New York 21 May 1823

24 May wrote Daughter Hart—a full account of my Journey—Daughter Livingston wrote her sister on same sheet—Mail

27 May wrote And. Ball [*sic*-Bell] of Amboy—ans'r to his of 2 April, rec'd on 21st inst. Mail & p'd G'd Stage

29 May to Rev'd Seth Hart, ans'r to his by mail yesterday.

4 Jun to son John ans'g his of 28 May adv'g to [difficult to decipher-possibly *Hope & pray E.Port. provide for Ins'e*]-Mail p'd

d'o [4] Jun to son [in-law] Rev'd D. Moore. Notice of my return to NY, wishing to see him & wife. Mail

5 Jun to niece Eliza C. Curry—of arr'g here—enquiry of Sister's health—sent Sally Ward

7 Jun to Brother requesting papers for Wm. Hylton of Jamaica-Mail

d'o [7] to son Townsend ans'g his 27 May on arrival at Ch'stown—d'o

d'o to son Thos, ans'g his of 16 Mar & 4 April from Buenos Ayres } forwarded
on his arrival from Canton with N'papers to this date } by Mr. Howl'd
[Howland?]

20 Jun wrote Mr. Hart that by letter of 31 May, all well in Richmond—Stage

d'o [20] Aunt Ann M. enquiring about our ancestors & family, and house in Moore
Street; gave an acct. of all our family in this Country, etc. Per Stephen B. Hoffman

4 July Daughter Hart a long family letter inclosing letters from her Sister & Thomas &
Francis

Mark L. Cheavers acknowledging his by the *Budget*, with my books, & small
demijohn peach brandy, a present from Mr. Van Lew-[all of this date] per Schooner
Leader

5 Jul to Brother acknowledging his of 13 June-sent the 8th by Mail

13 Jul to Daughter Hart, ans'g hers of 5th by Mail-per Schooner *Leader*

14 Jul to Brother, inviting him & wife to my House- Mail

15 Jul to Rev'd Seth Hart, that all were well at Richmond the 5th- Stage

18 Jul to son John, fully ans'g his of 9th by Mail—Mail

21 Jul to Daughter Hart with box R sweetmeats—10 jars—per *Virginia* Capt. Mitchell

Thirty-third page:

Copy to Wm Hylton, Esq., Grove, St. Andrew's, Jamaica
New York 28 July 1823

My Esteemed Old Friend

At Richmond in November last, I had
the pleasure of rec'g your first letter, acknowledging mine of March preceding—your
letter was neither dated nor any place of your residence named—of course I knew not
how long it had been in reaching me, but by the Post Office mark, it had arrived first at
Phil'a, then sent to NY, and from thence to Richmond. I sent a copy of it immediately to
Mrs. Hylton for the perusal of herself and Mrs. Dabney, but I could not obtain any
information from either of them to meet your wishes and requests. Mrs. Rosser had
removed far to the West, and is since dead, but a son & daughter of hers are at Richmond,
and reside with their Aunt who is keeping a respectable Boarding House there. In June
last, soon after my return here, your letter dated Grove, St. Andrews, 10 July 1822 came
to hand by Mail from George [*sic*] Town South Carolina—it was forwarded to that place
by a Mr. Cantfort of Cuba the 15th of April last, so you see it was nine months after you
wrote it, before it left Cuba and eleven months before it reached my hands this day [a]
month ago, yours of 8 Feb'y last came under cover to Moore & Hoffman.

While at Richmond, I was much indisposed the greater part of the winter, which proved a very severe one, and confined me, almost literally to my Chamber, and altho I met with Mrs. Hylton twice at my Brother's, found the Old Lady not disposed to say, or do, anything respecting the subject you so anxiously write about. I have been so disabled for upwards of a year, that both in going to and returning from Richmond, I was obliged to take that route which was the least fatiguing so that I have not had a possible chance of being at, or even passing through Elizabeth Town—of course have been deprived of the pleasure of seeing my worthy old friend, your sister. With great difficulty, feeble as I was, and still am, I exerted myself to call upon Col. Barclay, Bishop Hobart and Mr. Harison the day after your last letter came to hand. They gave me no reason to think a repetition of my visit on the business of your letters would be agreeable, as they said it was impossible they could be of any use, and the Bishop requested me to mention to you, that his Church services, and incessant and laborious Ecclesiastical duties occupied of necessity his whole time, and that he would not attend to any other business or concerns whatever. When I first called upon Mr. Harison, I was much surprised to find him greatly displeased on mentioning the cause of my errand; he could hardly express himself with decent temper upon the subject—said he had been so often spoken to, and troubled with repeated applications about it, that he was determined to be done with it, and hinted that for all he had read, and written, and advised concerning your daughter's connection with Mr. Leguen [or Seguen], and the settlement he made upon her at marriage, as well as for the legacy left her by Mr. Beas, he had never received a single shilling—he refused reading your letters, or any of them, but I in my turn insisted upon leaving your last with him, and that I would call upon him at another time. Last week I did so, and found him in better humour, and I have the pleasure of telling you that Mr. Harison says, Mrs. Leguen's demands are in a train of adjustment, and that she herself is hourly expected here. As soon as I hear of her arrival, and I [am] able to stir abroad, be assured, I shall do myself the pleasure of waiting upon her, and shall probably introduce my daughter Livingston, and some of my granddaughters to her.

I have written to my Brother lately to

apply...

[Transcriber's note: At this point, two pages have been cut out of the letter book. The next entry is dated 20 Nov 1824.]

Thirty-fourth page:

1824

20 Nov wrote son Thomas again acknowledging his letters of 24 Aug and 14 Sep with his draft for 300 on Mr. Stringer—in full. Brig *David Moffett*, Capt. Rowland, Forest & Son

wrote John DeWitt, Norwich, acknowledging rec't of his of the 9th with the demijohn of Metheglin & that I had pd. B. Huntington for it, as he directed—& desired him to send immediately a D John of the same for Mr. Heffernan, to my care. Forwarded by B. Hunting'n [Transcriber's note: Metheglin is fermented honey and water; Mead.]

22 Nov wrote Sister Huntington ackn'g hers without date, rec'd last week. Mr. Richards

23 to Lydia, ans'g hers of 17th this day rec'd by Mail per Schoo'r *Leader*

24 to son Thomas, a few lines NB—Vessel did not go to Buenos Ayres, letter ret'd
by ship ~~Comusican~~

2 Dec to J. DeWitt acknowledging his of 24 Nov with the Metheglin for Mr.
Heffernan, & desired him to send another demijohn for same person—forw'd by Mr.
Huntington

d'o Copy to Wm. Ingham, Esq., Four Quarters, Town of Cato, Cayuga County,
NY—Mail

Sir

From the agreement made between you
and my son John on the 2nd Feb'y last and from what his wife tells me, I am induced to
give you the trouble of this letter, and as I do not know an Individual in your part of the
country, I trust you will excuse me. Being in very advanced age, & unable in person to
visit the property, on which I am to consider you as my Tenant, & my daughter in law
informing me, that from the conversation she had with you, you expressed a probable
willingness to make a purchase of it, I am desirous of knowing by a line, whether you
have a disposition to become the owner, and what is the highest value you estimate it at,
and will be willing to give me for it in cash, including the time you have occupied it.
Should you decline the purchase yourself, you may probably be able to mention to me
some other person so disposed. Mrs. Moore tells me that she heard from you such a
person was known to you. I presume the advantages arising from the Western Canal must
already have advanced, & will always continue to promote the value of the Place.

Let me request the favor of hearing from
in in answer and with as full & satisfactory information on the subject as your time &
opportunity will allow of, which will much oblige. Sir, your most obed't hm'l serv't JM
Write by the Mail

3 Nov to Thomas a few lines, having only a moment's notice of the ship *Debby &
Eliza*—Macy [Transcriber's Note: It is difficult to determine whether the marginal note,
"Macy" ends with this entry, or is part of the marginal note regarding the means of
sending the next entry's materials. Most likely, Macy was the Captain of *Debby & Eliza*]

7 Nov to d'o with newspapers—Betsy wrote on same sheet—per Ship *Charleston-De
Forest's* vessel-Hitchcock

12 Nov to son David ans'g his of 11 Nov, reminding him of his & Father's sub: to the
Fund for Widows & Ch:, and offering to pay for both—sent to Mr. Sequines by
Townsend

13 Nov to Brother ans'g his of 30th Oct acquainting him of my having been to Peekskill
and with my 7 weeks confinement since my return on the 24 Oct—Mail

17 Nov to Eliz. C. Curry to know if she had rec'd my letter of 10th Nov with the
basket—by her cousin Mr. Lee of Crompond

20 Nov to Daughter Hart—no letter to ans'r—enclosed her one from her sis & one from S.M.—Sch'r *Fly*

Copy to Mr. Richardson of Cayuga, Adm'r to the Estate of Mrs. Morgan, in Sep or Oct 1824

Sir

Most truly do I condole with all the surviving connections of my highly esteemed friend, the late Mrs. Morgan, and feel much the bereavement her poor orphan children have so deeply to lament. Mrs. Whiting handed me the 50 dollars you was so attentive...

Thirty-fifth page:

...in sending me, and although on hearing of Mrs. Morgan's death, I had made up in my mind never to have called for that money, yet for the reason which I shall now suggest to you, I am much pleased to have received it.

I propose good Sir, to vest the whole of it in the Bank of Savings in this City, for the sole use of the two youngest children, Caroline & Samuel Whiting, the Interest to be added to the principal every six months and held there without defalcation, until they respectively come to lawful age, then to be at their disposal, to the survivor of them. On this account allow me to suggest for your consideration (provided you have the means to do it, from the effects left by our deceased friend) your remitting to me, by first safe conveyance, the interest due on the Note, that I may add it to the principal, and so make the deposit of more value to those for whom I intend it. Viewing the subject under the very little information I have, I cannot but think you and the Sisters here and at Hempstead will approve of my proposition. The Elder son is old enough to seek a provision for himself, & I hope disposed to do so. I wait your answer before I do anything with the \$50., and subscribe respectfully, Yours, etc.

N.B. The Interest due is 20 dollars, without computing to a fraction.

1825

2 Jan wrote a long family letter to son Thomas inclosing one from Daughter & the one of the 7th Dec which was to have gone by the Ship *Charleston*, but her voyage was changed—sent now, the file of Newspapers, intended by that vessel, & also all the papers from that time til 31st ult'o, acknowledging his of 6th and 23rd Oct, the former rec'd 8th, the last 25th Dec—per the Ship *Othello*, DeForest & Son. She sailed the 10th

13 wrote G.W. Borrowe acknowledging his of 21 Dec by Mr. [blank]

14 wrote a long letter to Lydia, ans'g hers of 25, 26, 27 Dec on one sheet & one of 30th by Mr. Nichols—Mail

17 to Rev. Seth Hart answer to his of 16th with list of the deaths of our old Hempstead friends & acquaintances in that Place & Neighborhood—Stage

22 to Brother ans'r to his of 30th Dec—informed him of Reuben Ward's death & what we are doing for our Niece & her children's relief—mentioned also the deaths of a daughter of Harriet DeWitt's our niece at Norwich—of Mr. Warner & of Rev'd Dr. Livingston at Brunswick & family in health, etc.—Mail the 24th [Transcriber's Note: Reuben Ward was married to John Moore's niece, Sarah "Sally" (Currey) Ward. In a published genealogy written in 1970 by Philip Field Horne, *The Currey Family in the Hudson Highlands*, Reuben Ward's death date is stated to be 14 January 1824. An earlier work, (*Andrew Warde and his Descendants*, George K. Ward) published in 1910, gives the same date. This discrepancy is most likely an error of transcription. John Moore's letter book is chronological and contemporary to the events, therefore more likely to be accurate. Harriett DeWitt is also a niece of John Moore's, the daughter of Ann (Moore) Huntington, and wife of the below mentioned John DeWitt.]

24 to John DeWitt, ans'r to his last with the demijohn of Metheglin and that I had paid B. Huntington for it, agreeably to his order—forw'd by B Huntington
to Sister Huntington mentioned the death of Sally Ward's husband & wished her to send a small matter, for her relief—inclosed the above—for'w by B Huntington

6 Feb Thos arrived from Buenos Ayres per Ship *Natches*, Capt. [blank]

7 to Wm. H. Hart ans'd his by Mr. Hume, mentioned arrival of son Thos—Mail N.B. on same sheet, Rev. S Hart & Thos also wrote
to Ann M L[ivingston] ans'g hers by Mr. Tobias, family affairs, Thos arrival, etc—d'o paid

10 Amelia died this even'g [Transcriber's note: Amelia was John Moore's daughter-in-law, wife of son John, at Oswego (?)]

11 to Lydia a few lines acquainting her with Amelia's death—Mail

20 to niece Eliza Curry ans'r to hers of 20 Dec, informed her of my son Thos arrival, & of the death of Amelia, son John's wife the 10th Jan'y—Mail paid

5 Mar to G.W. Borrowe acknowledging his of Dec 23 & 31 & Feb 6th & sent him all the Commercial Advertisers from 1st Jan last to this date—per Brig *Zephyr*, Capt. Minor N.B. sent to H.A.Coit's store No.61 South Street—Geo: died at sea on his return [Transcriber's note: George W Borrowe was the husband of John Moore's granddaughter, Frances "Fanny" (Livingston) Borrowe.]

Thirty sixth page:

1825

17 Mar to Lydia—ans'g hers with the box of Jumbles, &tc—per Schooner *Chesapeake*, Capt. Baldwin

17 Mr. Bradish—ans'g his of 9 Feb with the box of Tobacco per the *Exit*

- 29 to G. Daughter Crissy—ans'g hers of 24 Feb by Mail Mail pd
- 4 Apr 5th to Brother ackn'g his of 1 Feb—intended by Mr. Hall but he did not call—Mail
- 10 to Lydia—ans'g hers by Mr. Hall without date by Mr. Otis
- 22 to ditto—a line respecting the fire in Lisp'd [Lispinard] St. lest she be alarmed by seeing the newspaper acc't & not know we were safe Mail
- 29 to ditto—on my 81st birthday—also about Ann's return by the Steam Brig *NYork*
- 4 May to Frances Borrowe at El DesFino [?] near Matanzies [Matanzas, Cuba]—a long family letter ackn'g hers of 31 Dec last—care [of] Mr. Dickenson, Matanzies, with the newspapers to the 3rd inst. inclusive
- 12 to Lydia—a few lines with a box of NY cakes for the children. per Capt. Ball Schooner *Exit*
- Jun 24 to ditto from Hempstead—a long letter ans'g hers of April & May sent by Thos—Mail
- 29 to John Nicoll, NHaven about the Church pew rent left unp'd by J. H. Jaycocks—Mail'd
- 30 to Brother—ans'g his of 20th Apr—ment'd the deaths of G'l. [Gen. Matthew] Clarkson & Wm. Ogden—Mail
- Jul 8 to G.Daughter C. J. M. at Trenton—ans'r to hers of 27 June—wrote at S[taten] Isl'd—Mrs. Glentworth
- 14 to Townsend at Hempstead, inclosing son Hart's with acc't of Lydia's 6th daughter—Stage
- 19 to Son & Daughter Hart—ans'g hers of 24 June & 4 July, & his of the 9th announcing the birth of another daughter, [Mary Ann, b. 8 July] their 6th—sent this by one of the coasters, by a Black Man
- 2 Aug 6 to Brother in ans'r to his of 12 July—respecting his retirement &c Mail
to GDaughter Lydia [Livingston] at school at Trenton, with GDaughter Crissy [Moore] Miss Glentworth
- 17 to Daughter Hart—a long family letter by Mr. van Lew

29 to E. A. Rhodes, Esq., NYork-acknowledging his note of the 18th rec'd the 26th
the ev'g before I went to Sing Sing, from whence I returned last night—I inclosed to him
the 6 dollars—see his note on file } sent by son John early the 30th

5 Sep son Townsend at Saratoga-ans'g his of 21 Aug Mail

7 Daughter Hart—ans'g hers of 9 Aug by Mr. Otis by Miss Woodward

15 son Thos at Philadelphia, ans'g his of the 14th Mail

15 John DeWitt—for Metheglin for Dr. Hamersly & Squashes for self—sent to B.
Huntington to be forwarded

26 Brother, ans'g his of 2 Aug by Mr. Heath Mail

30 Son Townsend, Ballston—ans'g his of the 24th by mail Mail

30 Daughter Hart—no letters to answer—mentioned all friends busy with—Mr. Otis

18 Oct Daughter Hart—ans'g hers of 24 & 29 Sep per mail by Brother's daughters }
Brother—ans'r to his of 4 Oct by mail- they sailed the 20th by Sch. *Fly* }

8 Nov Daughter Hart, ans'g hers of 11 Oct which I had just received the 20th after
Brother's daughters had just left me—also sent the newspaper of the 5th with the acc't of
the Erie Celebration Mail the 9th

28 Eliza C. Curry—ans'r to hers of April
John DeWitt—ans'r to his of Oct that I had pd B. H. the 7.25 } Steam Boat
Sister Huntington ans'r hers of 10th inst. rec'd by Ann H } *Washington*
Richards } to New London

3 Dec son Townsend Moore, Saratoga, forwarded by son Thomas Mail

6 Rev'd Dr Thomas Moore, Rector, North Cray, Kent, England-
N.B. pretty much a copy of my letter to him of 20 May 1824—some parts of it
omitted, some altered, some new for I was fatigued with copying a letter the first time in
near twenty years—wrote a few lines of this date-see next page [Transcriber's note: the
notation of the first letter to Rev. Thomas Moore would have been on one of the two
excised pages noted above.]

Thirty Seventh page:

1825

6 Dec Copy to Rev. Dr. Thomas Moore, Rector, North Cray, Kent, England, on same
sheet with abstract of my first to him of 20 May 1824~~

Rev'd & Dear Sir-

The above tho' not an exact copy, is the substance of my letter by the May Packet of the last year. As all our postages to England must be paid there, I should not have ventured to tax you a second time, but my son Thos. Wm. Channing Moore now going to London, I beg leave to introduce him to you and your brothers, John & William, and to such individuals of your respective families, as his business and Mercantile arrangements will allow him time to wait upon, and I trust a meeting between you & my son, will occasionally be convenient and reciprocally pleasing.

On his return, I beg the favor of hearing from you, being tho' persons unknown to each other, Rev'd & dear Sir, your affect'n kinsman J M

Copy to George Hanbury Mitchell at Mitchell & Fleming Merch'ts, London, or at his Country seat in Hampshire~~

New York, 6 Dec'r 1825-No. 16 Lispinard Street

Dear Sir-

My third son, Thos. Wm. C. Moore, going to England upon business, although it is more than 16 years since I had the pleasure of a line from you, yet I cannot bear the idea of his leaving me without in my Old Age attempting the renewal of a correspondence, that so pleasantly occupied much of my time and attention between the 19th of Nov'r 1796 and the 17th of July 1809, which are the dates of your first and last letters.

By referring to my files, I find that I wrote you the 1st & 15th of January 1810, and 18th of Nov'r 1811, the last of which was by a young Gentleman, a neighbor of mine at Hempstead, Mr. William H. Hart, who is since become my son in law, and is a Clergyman of the Episcopal Church at Richmond in Virginia, of which State, my only surviving Brother is the present very popular and highly respected Bishop.

I have been so particular respecting dates, to recall to your mind that I have written to you and Mr. Fleming three several times since I have been gratified with your signature.

Our respective countries, being now happily at peace, and being too old to feel any interest in the Wars and politicks in which other Nations are still involved, and having no matters of business to trouble either you or myself about, it is only left for me to assure you of my unabated and friendly regards, and to introduce my beloved and good son to your notice, and to such attentions as it may be quite convenient for you to show him. He was in London a few days, some years ago, where he went on business from France, since which he has been constantly employed in Mercantile transactions between China, the Mediterranean and South America, and has recently made an establishment here.

Should it please God to continue me in this Stage of Being 'til my sons return, indulge me with a few lines by him-recommending you and all dear to you to the great and merciful disposer of all Worlds. I conclude, as in former years, Dear Sir, your affect'n old friend and serv't, JM

P.S. On becoming a widower in 1813, I disposed of Elliot Place, and in 1815 followed my youngest daughter, Mrs. Hart, to Richmond, where my Brother had settled the year before as Bishop of Virginia, since which I have passed most of the Winters there, and the Summers here. I must now be content to cease Traveling at upwards of fourscore...

[Transcriber's note: At this point, three more pages are cut out of the letter book, resuming in February, 1827.]

Thirty eighth page:

[1827]

1 Feb Sent box New Year Cakes per Schooner *Richmond Packet*, Capt. Knap, to Richm'd for my G Children, directed to son Hart—put on board by son John who wrote by the Vessel—I did not, having wrote last week by Mail.

9 wrote a line to Lydia, mentioning the above—by Crissy Moore, who with her father left us this day, with David, for Staten Island-

10 wrote Brother to Staten Island, inclosing him two letters which came by the post Man soon after he left us—one letter from Richmond, the other from Hartford—by a Mr. Lake

15 to son Thomas—ans'g his of 22 Dec by the *Leeds*, and 30 Dec by the *Canada*—mentioned the death the 11th of Francis's little son Stephen— that Brother and his daughter Crissy were gone to S. Island on their route to Richmond—that Lydia had recovered—that my family were all pretty well except Townsend and Maria } per Ship *Pacific*, Crocker to Liverp'l the 16th

17 to Brother, acknowledging his of this day—sent him a letter from Richmond brought here by a private hand—by a Mr. Burroughs, Teacher, S. Island

3 Mar to Brother ans'r to his of 28 Feb from Philadelphia Mail

7 to son Thomas acknowledging his of 13 January per the *Britannia* and the 22nd per the *Silas Richards* rec'd this day, with 3 parcels of newspapers—ment'd Brother & daughter being at Phil'a, on their way home—also family situation—desire to know the time of his return, &c } per Packet Ship *Leeds* to Liverp: the 8th

23 to son Thomas ans'g his of 7 Feb per the *Fulton*, rec'd 15 inst. & of 14 Feb, rec'd while writing this letter—desired him to endeavor to see Mrs. Phebe Bailie daughter of Uncle Lambert, her direction sent me this day by Mr. Tredwell—No. 27 New Stein, Brighton—Betsey wrote Thomas on same sheet } per Packet Ship *Birmingham*, Capt. Cobb, the 24th.

25 to Brother ans'd his of 19th on his safe arrival at home }
to his daughter Crissy—mentioned Mrs. Mersereau's death }
N.B. on same sheet, with the one to Brother } Mail
to daughter Hart complaining of her long silence, her last being 31 Dec—
mentioned her Brother John's writing her the 1st Feb & my 3 letters of 21 Dec, 23 Jan &
9 Feb—mentioned Mrs. Mercereau's death yesterday } Mail

6 Apr to [daughter Hart] ans'g hers of 2nd & those of 7th & 17th March rec'd only few days ago—sent 16 yards of gingham for the children in charge of Mrs. Vandervoort, formerly Miss Patience Morrison of Richmond—she sailed while I was about on a visit at Hempstead & to sister Hewlett} Schooner *Effort* for Richmond

7 to son Thomas-mentioned Brother's safe arrival at home, in restored health—that Lydia & family were well the 2nd inst. Betsey wrote on same sheet a long family letter} Ship *Silas Richards*

23 to [Thomas] acknow'g his of 27 Feb rec'd while writing this letter per the Ship *Manchester*—repeated my desire that he would endeavour to see my Cousin Mrs. Phebe Bailie, now a widow, residing at West Monsey [or Moulsey], Villa Kingston, Surry, the direction sent him 23 March was not a correct one— family's health—Politicks, &c. House now [or new] numbered 29} Packet Ship *Hamilton*, Capt. Bunker, in place of the lost *Panthea*

7 May to daughter Hart ans'r to hers of 1st inst. with lines on my birthday—mentioned letters from Thos of 14 Mar—soon expected to return—his sister ill—Maria d'o. Towns'd on Long Island—about the Hoffmans} by Mr. Vandervoort

Thirty ninth page:

1827

10 May to Townsend, inclosing a letter to him from Thomas rec'd this day per Ship *John Wells* from Liverpool} by Mrs. Hart

15 to Thomas ans'g his 3 letters of 14 & 30 March & 6 April expressing my disappointment at his not coming home as announced in the last—mentioned the situation of all the family—some observations on the affairs in Portugal, Greece, South America & the U.S.—Mrs. Hall & children being here—Brother's & Lydia's families all well—the Swantonians coming to reside here—sent the C.A. [*Commercial Advertiser*] from 8 to 12 May, each paper with T.W.C. Moore—all under cover to Jas. Davis care Mr. T. W. Evans Livery} per Ship *Manchester*, Capt. Wm. Lea to Liverpool 16 May
to Aunt Ann Moore in reply to her letter of 7th inst.—Copy is filed with hers.
George Town Madison Co. at Step: Hoffman's} Mail

28 to Daughter Hart- reply to hers of 19th about vacancy at Brooklyn—her sister's illness—Townsend on Long Island—Maria lame—Thomas not expected this Spring or Summer} Mail the 29th

1 Jun to son Townsend reply to his of 27 May—care J. Jagger, So. Hampton} Mail

2 Jun to Brother reply to his of 16 April—mentioned Betsey's illness, Maria lame, Townsend at S. Hampton, Thos not ret'g soon} Mail

7 to Son Thomas acknow'g his of 21st April per the *Leeds* with newspapers, also papers per the *Canada* to 27 April without letter—also Map of the great Tunnel at London under the River—also some fine gold-eyed needles—ment'd the Hoffmans—also Aunt Ann's sale of the House—that Betsey still continued ill—Townsend at S. Hampton—I going to Musquito Cove—would send Chas. Moore's sermons when I get them, to Brother—also newspapers—repeated my wishes for him to visit Coz. Phebe Bailie—sent him *Com. Advertizer* from 24 May to this day inclusive} per Packet Ship *Corinthian*, Geo. Davis to Liverpool, with C. Adv'r from 24 May

15 to ditto acknowledging his of 1 May by the *Hudson* from London, & also the papers by the *Birmingham* all rec'd this day—ment'd my return this day from Mus. Cove & Hempstead, much fatigued—that the 3 V[olumes] of Sermons by Rev'd Chas. Moore had not yet come to hand—that Betsey was better—Townsend at S. Hampton—health improving} per Packet Ship *Pacific*, Crocker, to Liv'l, papers from 7 to 14th wrote Capt. John W. Livingston at Musquito Cove- sent him this Ev[ening] paper with the debates in H. of Commons of New Ministry} Stage

20 to son Townsend ans'g his of 16th by Mr. Jagger Mail

23 to Brother with the London papers from 30 Apr to 12 May inclusive—by his son Rensselaer

24 to Daughter Hart ack'g hers of 4th inst—inclusing letter from Father Hart—ditto

25 to Franklin Livingston, ans'r to his of March by his Father introducing, & requesting his attentions to my young kinsman, the bearer, mentioning his connection with both our families} Mr. John Smyth [Transcriber's Note: Franklin Livingston was the nephew of John Moore's wife Judith; John Smyth is John Moore's first cousin, once removed.]

29 to Son Thomas ack'g his from Cork & Dublin of 17 & 22 May with the *Morning Herald* by the *Silas Richards*, & the 3 Vol. of Chas Moore's Sermons rec'd this day only, per the *Hudson*, Sebor, arriv'd a Month ago—ment'd John's boys too young to send abroad at much expense—that I intend to fetch Lydia from Trenton—going to David's-state of family's health} *Florida* with *Com. Advertizer* to this day—Tinkham to Liverpool

Fortieth page

1827

Jul 7 to Daughter Hart inclusing a letter from Caroline Kinsley to Miss Mary Hull-mentioned receiving hers of 26 May only 2 days ago—told her Betsey was mending—Townsend still on Long Island—that I have letters from Thomas in Ireland 17 & 22 May about ret'g to England per Capt. Baldwin one of the Coasters

7 to son Thomas—ment'd my having been to Staten Island, found Crissy sick—left her mending—Margaretta at Trenton—no accounts from Richmond—Betsey getting better & at Henry's for 2 days—Townsend still at Long Island—all in Town, in usual health—sent the *Commercial Advertiser* to this day from 30th ulto. per Ship *Leeds-Stodart* to Liverpool

23 to son Thomas a few lines, on my arrival from Long Island this day—ackn'd his of 30 May & 6 June—sent 6 newspapers to the 14th *Birmingham* Capt. Harris the 24th

Aug 7 to Daughter Hart acknowledging her letters of 8, 11 & 16 July rec'd the 26th by L. [or S] C. Nichols—ment'd A. [Andrew] Smyth's death the 3rd & burial at Bloomingdale the 4th, that I staid there till the 6th—that I had been to Hempstead, Merrick & M. Cove—Also to Trenton for G. D'r. [granddaughter] Lydia—that Betsey was gone this day to Sam'l Hoffman's—that Maria was getting better—Thos. ret'd to London, & sent the London papers from 3rd May to 6th June for Brother & son Hart by Brother's son Channing Moore.

to son Thomas—that I had been to Trenton for Lydia & returned with her the 31st ulto.—that And. Smyth died at Sam Hoffman's at Bloomingdale the 3rd & was buried the 4th—I was so fatigued by the extreme heat of the weather as to remain there till the 6th—that all were well at Richmond—Townsend still on Long Island—Francis in the country with a sick child—John & boys well—Betsey recovered and gone this day to S. Hoffman's—Maria getting better—all the rest well—send 10 newspapers—the trial of Strang & Whipple's wife for the murder of her husband, he condemned, she acquitted, but no doubt the worst of the two—this day paper contains Mr. Clay's speech at a great dinner in Kentucky per the *Silas Richards*, Capt. Holdridge to Liverpool the 8th.

8 to son Townsend—reply to his of the 5th—acquainting him with the death of And. Smyth—my having been to Trenton for Lydia—of rec. letters from Thos. on his return to London from Dublin Mr. Dayton Mail Stage

15 to son Thomas—reply to his of 22 June by the *York*, rec'd 2 days ago—much pleased with his account of jaunt to Liverpool, & from thence with Mr. Howland—nothing new to tell him about family, Townsend still on Long Island, Betsey continues mending—send all the Newspapers from 8th to this day both inclusive, 7 papers. Daughter—Ann—& Lydia wrote on same sheet per Ship *New York* Capt. Bennet the 16th

20 wrote David—heard he was sick—mentioned Thomas' return from Ireland, also from Liverpool to London—also family's state per son John the 22nd

22 to Townsend—sent his new coat—family—Mr. Duffie's death, also Mr. Jos. Taylor at Staten Island per Mr. Dayton Mail Stage

31 to Thomas ans'g his of 4th & 6 July with pamphlets & Razors & Scissors & needles for Crissy M & Fanny H—sent newspapers also from 15th to this date—Betsey wrote on same sheet per the *James Cropper*

Forty-first page:
1827

Sep 12 wrote Brother, ans'd his of 24 Aug—mentioned my visit to Sister & friends at N L [New London, CT, sister Ann Huntington], ret'd yesterday via Hartford where I saw Bishop Brownell who introduced me to Mr. Tudor where I took Tea Sunday the 9th—sent him Chs. Moore's sermons 3 Vols. & 2 pamphlets of the controversy in Dublin on the Catholic question between a Priest of that Church & a Pres. Minister by Mr. Nichols Clerk of Hall & Moore at Richmond.

to Daughter—no letters to answer—ment'd my tour to & from N London & Hartford—that I have letters from Thos to 4th Aug—sent the Scissors & Needles from him for Fanny—ment'd all the family ditto [sent the same way]

14 to Thomas ack'g his 3 letters of 21 July per the *Corinthian*, 4 August per the *Columbia*, and 7th Aug per the *John Wells*—ment'd my being just ret'd from New London & Hartford, without sickness or fatigue—that Townsend was at NL the 12th going to Norwich & perhaps to Boston—that Betsey & her daughter Maria were at Mrs. Ferris's, Throgs Neck [Amelia (Livingston) Ferris, Betsey's sister-in-law]—Francis & family ret'd to Town—all here are well—that the books he sent for Brother were forwarded, with the needles & scissors he sent for Fanny Hart—wished him to be more particular as to extra incidents—sent him a large file of the *Commercial [Advertiser]* from 30 Aug to this date with 14 newspapers per *Manchester* William Lee, Jr. Master—15 rec'd & ans'd in poste, his of 12th & 14th Aug from Leeds & York

to Townsend ans'g his of 30 Aug from Southampton & 12 Ins't from New London by Mail this day—the forms arrived at NY while I was at NL directed to him at Norwich, care John DeWitt, Esq. paid postage

Peter Richards of New London—with particulars of my jaunt to Hartford by Stage from his door—good accommodations there at Morgan's Exchange Hotel—meeting Bishop Brownell, Mr. Tudor & family and Mrs. Imlay, the widow of my old friend, an acquaintance of about 60 years—my passage from thence by the *Oliver Elsworth* of 22 hours, it ought not to have exceeded 16 hours Mail and paid same.

18 Daughter Hart ack'g hers of 4, 9 & 11th Sep, the first by Rensselaer Moore, the last being one letter of two dates by Mail—gave no advice as to the Wm & Mary question, made observations on the unhealthiness of Williamsburg—“the chance of disputes with the Directors, & Assistants, and plague of vicious students[“]—the family etc. Mail

22 to Peter Richards with English papers 1 to 8 August per Steam Boat *Fanny*

24 to son Thomas with 6 newspapers to Friday 21—nothing new, ment'd Betsey's return with Maria from Throgs Neck—all well here & at Rich[mon]d—wished to hear about the Catholic question & the adm'n since Mr. Canning's death—the new L [London] Bridge, etc. per the *Wm Byrnes* to Liverpool this day

1 Oct sent to Thomas the newspapers from Saturday 22nd to Saturday the 29th both inclusive—but did not write a letter, having written to him so fully the 24th Sep, as above mentioned. per the *Wm Thompson* to Liverpool this day.

15 to Thomas ack'g his of 30 August per the *Canada*—ment'd my jaunt with Ann to Long Island—the offer of the Presidentship of Wm & Mary College, Virg'a to son Hart, declined on account of the bad climate—that Lydia was recovering from a recent illness—state of all the family—Townsend's jaunt to N. London, Norwich, Boston, [&] Va.—sent the *Comm. Adv.* from 1 to this day, 13 papers—that the Church Conv'n are to meet tomorrow, David [Moore] to preach. per *Pacific* Capt. Crocker with 13 newspapers.

21 to son Hart ans'g his two letters of 28th Sep & 12th inst. the latter bringing the welcome intelligence of Lydia's being on the recovery from her late dangerous illness—ment'd all the family—the late Convention, his father having read & David having preached to general satisfaction—noticed the unhappy circumstance in the Church at Phil'a, that our Bishop had reprobated in very severe terms, the opposition there to the new Elected Assis't. Bishop, Dr. [Henry Ustick] Onderdonk—inclosed him Thos' late letter of 30 August per Capt. Baldwin

22 to son Thomas—a few lines with newspapers from 15th to this day— per the *J. Jay* Capt. Holdridge.

Forty-second page:

1827

31 Oct wrote son Thomas acknowledged his of 22 Sep by the *Silas Richards* rec'd yesterday, and also his of 29 Sep, rec'd while writing this letter by the *New York* arriv'd yesterday—ment'd Townsend not yet returned—the consecration of Bishop Onderdonk at Phil'a the 25th & the death of Bishop Kempe by accident on his return to Baltimore, owing to the drunken Stage driver—ment'd also his Couzin Bedell & the others in opposition to Dr. O consecration—sent papers to 30th per the *Corinthian* Capt. Chadwick 1 Nov, care of Timothy Wiggin, Esq. of London.

2 Nov wrote a few lines to daughter Hart—had none to answer, ment'd the late letters from Thos— Townsend still absent—Betsey also wrote Mr. van Lew

7 wrote Thomas a few lines, with the papers to this day—ment'd the Election just closed, Townsend not returned per the *Leeds* to Liverpool

14 Sent Thomas the papers to this day—on one of them wrote a line, that nothing new had occurred in the family but the recovery of Lydia, Townsend not ret'd per the Ship *Canada* Rogers [Capt.]

15 wrote a line to Sister Hewlet, inclosed to Mr. Hart, with a bundle of Episcopal Pamphlets ^13 from Mess'rs Swords given to me by Mr. Sandford of that Establishment—Hempstead Stage 17th Nov.

22 a long letter to daughter Hart ans'g hers of 10th on her recovery—ment'd all the family & connections in Town & Country being well—that Townsend had not yet returned—should send the salt cellars & Thomas's late Sep letters by the Schooner *Exit* to sail the 24th Mail

23 to the Post Master, Saratoga Springs, enquiring about Townsend Mail

23 a line to daughter Hart with Thos. letters giving an account of his late travels in England, Wales, Scotland & Ireland—with s. cellars Schooner *Exit*

23 Sent Thos the papers to 22nd—a line on one of them “nothing new since my last 7th & 14th per the *Birmingham* Capt. Harris to Liverpool

30 wrote Thomas ack'g his of 6 Oct this moment rec'd by the *Silvanus Jenkins*—ment'd the death of Sam'l Hoffman's youngest child, the arrival of the *Cortes*, but had not yet got the portrait—Marriage of P. Stuyvesant—no acc't of Townsend—had written to Post Master at the Springs making enquiry—F. had written to Boston—papers to 29th *Britania*, Marshall to Liverpool

3 Dec wrote Townsend at Boston, care F. W. A. Haughton, Esq. ans'g his of 30 Nov—allowed him to draw for 50 dollars on me Mail

8 to Thos. ack'g his of 22 Oct by the *York* with the papers—ment'd hearing from Townsend of 30 Nov still at Boston—sent the papers from 30 Nov to 7th inst. *Silas Richards* to Liverpool

15 to Thomas ans'g his of 6^h Nov by the *Wm Byrnes* with the London papers—ment'd Townsend not yet ret'd—all well here—ment'd Carter's letters, should I send them if not reprinted in England—sent 5 papers from 8th to 14th with Departmental reports per *N York Bennet* to Liverpool

30 to Thomas ans'g his of 14th Nov with 3 books for Ann & Maria L & for Lydia's daug'r Frances L Hart, also a paper of the infamous Cobbett of 20 Oct per the Ship *Cambria* from London 26th inst—ment'd all connections here, Richmond & Long Island—Townsend not yet returned—Mr. Peters death the 27th—continued abusive papers relative to the Pres. Election. Clinton's name brought forward—a trick I presume to injure Adams & help Jackson—reminded him again of calling on Mrs. Bailie—undetermined as to moving—send 12 newspapers from 15th to 29th inclusive per the *James Cropper* Captain Graham to Liverpool.

Forty-third page:

1828 2 Jan wrote Townsend acknow'd his last of 13 Dec—that Thos last was 14 Nov—Lydia's the 20th Dec—all well—had p'd his \$50. draft at sight—NB this was a postscript to Betsey's letter of this date—Mail

2 Jan to Lydia a long letter ans'r to hers of 26 & 28 Dec—mentioned Townsend & Thos & all the family & connections—that Mr. Hart was again pretty well—observed on the violent disputes in Church & State, etc—Mail the 4th

4 Jan to Brother—no letter from him since mine of 12th Sep with the books by Mr. Nichols—had not heard of his late illness till yesterday by Miss Glentworth from S. Island—that Thos was well 14 Nov—requested his sentiments on the unhappy state of the C[hurch] in Pennsylvania—Mail the 4th

8 Jan sent the papers to Thomas from 30 Dec to 7th inst—did not write except on the last paper—“all well”—per ship *York* Capt DeCost this day

17 Jan to Brother ack'g his of the 5th—desired to know if he rec'd mine of 12 Sep with the books—mention'd the death of Gertrude O[nderdonk] (Tredwell) Sackett on the 13th & funeral 15th at Brooklyn—ans'd him on the subject of the Stocks—ment'd poor wretched Kane's conduct as the Sec'y to the National Ins. Co—wrote a line to niece Crissy with best wishes on the N Year—Mail [Transcriber's note: Mrs. Sackett was the daughter of Adam & Jane (Moore) Tredwell, and Lambert Moore's granddaughter.]

10 Jan sent by Rensselaer Moore to my G Daughter Frances L Hart at Richmond the present sent by her Uncle Thos from London as a New Year gift—the book called “Forget Me Not”—by Rens'r Moore

22 Jan to son Thomas, ack'g his of 22nd Nov by the *Napoleon*, with newspapers rec'd the 9th inst—and of the 30th Nov by the *Columbia*, but no papers—a long letter—mentioned our anxiety about the Greeks—wondered to hear the situation of Mr. Mitchell's affairs was so bad—heard the B [British] Troops were about returning from Portugal—afraid of the state of affairs in France—observed on the Infidelity in that country, as well as in our own & of course the want of Moral principal in both—ment'd Mrs. Sackett's death—all friends here & in Virginia at present in health—Townsend still absent, undet[ermined] as to moving, mentioned Kane's unhappy affair—also squabbles on the Pres'l question—sent the papers from the 8th to this date & the one of 31st Dec before omitted—per Packet Ship *William Byrne's* Capt. Hacket to Liverpool the 24th

25 Jan to Daughter Hart mentioned the book sent Fanny by Rensselaer the 10th inst. from son Thomas—informed her of the death of Mrs. Sacket—Townsend not yet ret'd—my troublesome complaint in the lungs—the rest all well—sent box of New Year cakes for the children—per Schooner *Richmond Packet* Knap, Master

31 Jan to Son Thomas—no letters from him since my last—mentioned my Asthma—Townsend still absent—the family all well here and at Brooklyn, except J.H.M. [John Holland Moore, son of Lambert Moore] in the Gout—no late accounts from Richmond—ment'd the meeting there in opposition to Jackson—sent papers from 23rd to this day inclusive—that Mr. Hart was better & in town, Mrs. Smyth's legacy, M. Hoffman's death—per Ship *William Thompson* to Liverpool 1st Feb

8 Feb sent Son Thomas the Newspapers from the 1st to 7th inclusive but did not write by this conveyance to Liverpool—per Packet Ship *Geo: Canning*

11 Feb wrote Townsend answer to his of 28 Jan by Mail—Mail

15 Feb wrote Thos ans'g his of 29 Dec rec'd this day per the *Canada*—ment'd all the family; Townsend still absent, Gov. Clinton's sudden death the 11th inst; that I had taken a House next to S. Hoffman, Hudson Street no. 409—that H [?Henry Hoffman] had given up his business & House, had not determined as to any other—again ment'd Mrs. Bailie & wish him to see her—sent the papers from the 8th to this day inclusive—per Ship *Atlantic*

23Feb to Thomas ans'g his of 22 Dec rec'd 21 inst by the *Leeds*—repeated to him my having taken the House 409 Hudson Street—no change as to family—sent Papers from 18th to this day, with Randolph's harangue—per Ship *John Jay*, Capt. Holdridge

Forty-fourth page:

1828 29 Feb wrote Thomas acknow'd receipt of his letters of 14 Dec and 5th ulto with the newspapers—ment'd the family as usual & that Townsend was on his return from Boston, Ann having a letter from him at Worcester—sent papers to this day—per the *Canada* to Liverpool

4 Mar to Daughter Hart, ans'r to hers of 9 Feb, rec'd by Mr. Van Lew the 16th on subject of school at Hempstead—ment'd Townsend writing from Worcester to Ann, on his was home—that Thos was recovering from a first attack of gout—H broke up his store &tc. —postscripts 9 & 19th after waiting 15 days for Mr. V.L to call for it, as promised—sent by Schooner *Exit*

9 Mar to Brother acknow'g his of 29 Jan—ment'd the destructive fire in Fletcher, Front & South Streets, the losses of the Insurance Co. \$130,000—that Thos had been confined to London with gout, &tc—Mail 10th

15 Mar to Thomas acknow'g the papers by the *Britania* without letter, the letter of 29 Jan with papers by the *New York*, letter of 13 Feb with papers by the *James Cropper*, this last dated at Hempstead—glad he was recovered of his gout & able again to use his finger in writing—thanks for his \$100 draft, but shall not make use of without more necessity—ment'd the loss of the Fire Ins. Co by the great fire lately in Fletcher Street, &ct—also by the conflagration at Mobile—that the one third I had sold my Protection Stock for, I had vested in the Old Mutual at a little above par, now at about 75—the F[armers] Loan about 80%--will send the papers to Hill, on his sending for them—again requested to hear about Mrs. Bailie—family pretty well, except Maria at Sam. Hoffman's—Townsend from B yesterday, sent the papers from the 1st to the 13th—by the Packet Ship *Florida* Capt. Tinkham to Liverpool the 16th

19 Mar to Brother & his daughter Crissy on same sheet—ans'd their letters of 13th — sent him copy of B. Huntington's note to me of 18th on the subject of the Farmers Loan & Delaware & Hudson Co's—Mail 20th

23 Mar to Thos ans'g his of 15 & 22 Jan and 6 Feb with papers by the *Silas Richards & Sylvanus Jenkins*—ment'd the reason why he did not get the papers of Dec by the *NYork*, that his brother handed them to a passenger instead of putting them in the bag at the Exchange. Our winter uncommonly mild—will settle [*sic*] at the City Library—home of my family great readers, except himself & his Father—wish to hear more about the Funeral, the Ministry, & that very infamous clergyman—Taylor—The Blasphemer—about the bad water in London—family well generally except Betsey & Maria Mrs Jackson & Mrs Gidney very ill—sent papers from 14th to 22nd—per Ship *Birmingham* to Liverpool 24th March

3 Apr to Daughter Hart a few lines in answer to her postscript to Fanny's letter of 5 March, inclosing a painted watch paper & mentioning the death of Miss Tabitha Adams, a Mrs Henderson & Mrs King—per Mr van Lue

to Fanny, thanking her for her letter, as above mentioned, and expressing my anxiety to see them all, Mrs Jackson's death & funeral at Jerusalem, that Mr H. attended, that Hanah [*sic*] M Whiting was in very bad health—referred Lydia to my letter of 4 ulto—by Mr Van Lue

7 Apr to Son Thomas with the papers that were to have gone by the *Pacific* the 1st inst. (from 23 March) ans'g his letter of 22nd Feb by the *York* with the Times to 23rd—observations upon the speeches of Huskinson & Herries & Tierney & others in Parliament—ment'd our being engaged about moving to 409 Hudson Street—repeated my desire to hear of Mrs Bailie—ment'd Mrs Jackson's death & funeral attended by Mr. Hart—Maria's complaint—per the Packet Ship *Silas Richards* with the papers to the 7th

Forty-fifth page:

1828

15 Apr NB-first letter from No. 409 Hudson Street—to son Thomas ack'd rec't of his of 29 Feb by the *Brighton* from London, Sebor, Master—no papers—ment'd family as usual, that Townsend was not well, that Ann was gone with the wedding party to Phil'a (Miss Vandervoort that was), that we were now in Hudson Street No. 409 having removed 4 or 5 days ago. NB-no politics in my letter, but sent the papers from 8th to this day both inclusive—per Packet Ship *Britania* to Liverpool

24 Apr Sent Thomas the papers from 16th to 23rd—wrote a line on the last, that W.H. H. [Rev. Wm. Henry Hart] & daughter were here—all well when they left Richmond, as we are at 409 Hudson Street—per Packet *Sylvanus Jenkins*

30 Apr to son Thomas ack'g his two letters of 6th by the *Wm Byrnes* & 13 Mar by the *Wm Thompson*—ment'd Townsend not to[o] well at present—all the rest well, that Wm H Hart & Fanny had lately arrived from Richmond—said he had better write John on the

subject of his boys—sent the papers from 24th to his day inclusive-7 papers—by the Packet Ship *NYork*

4 May to Daughter Hart ans'g hers of 9 April rec'd by Wm & Fanny per Schooner *Exit* the 19th & the one of 29th with the lines on my birthday—said a few words on the subject of their coming to New York in course of the ensuing summer, &tc—per son Hart in the *Exit*

to Brother-no letter to answer—ment'd the the new plan for Wm's removal—that Channing had called over, desired to know the exact time when I may expect him here—ditto

7 May to son Thomas ack'g his of 14 March this day rec'd by the Packet Ship *Cambrian*—mentioned that Wm Hart & daughter sailed the 5th for Richmond—all well there & here, sent the papers from the 1st to this day—per the Packet Ship *York* 8th May

14 May sent Thomas the news papers from the 7th to this day, but did not write owing to lame hand, hurt on Staten Island the 8th—per *Manchester* the 16th-Betsy wrote

23 May to Thomas acknowledging his 3 letters of 28 March per the *Roman*, 7th April per the *John Jay* & 13 April per the *Canada* with 3 packages of the Times to 14 April—mentioned all well here & at Richmond, that daughter was gone to Hempstead, Crissy expected from S. Island, Maria just arrived from Throgs Neck, that I had passed 4 or 5 days at S. Island, hurt my thumb there which prevented my writing the 14th by the *Manchester*, that I sent his account as requested, but had never expected payment having freely given all my children what is charged to them in my books—sent the Com: Adv: [newpaper] from the 15th to 22nd—per Packet Ship *Wm Byrnes*—24 May

27 May to Daughter Hart acknowledged hers of 16th from Petersburg where she went with Wm on his meeting the State Epis: Convention the 15th—pleased to observe the pleasant and quick passage Wm & Fanny had-only 3 days. Made some observations respecting the contemplated plan of their removal to New York—gave no direct advice, but my observations would strongly show my opinion having reference to the failure of Mr. H at Hempstead both as to his profitable School & the scheme which caused Wm's trip to England & the consequent debt it brought upon him—ment'd also his great expectations from his School at Rich'd—ment'd her sister being at Mr Hart's, my intending to go there, &tc—Mail 25th

Forty-sixth page:

1828

30 May Daughter Betsey wrote Son Thomas, Son John sent the newspapers to this day—I being on Long Island no doubt his sister mentioned it to Thos accounting for my not writing—per the *William Thompson* to Liverp'l

7 June Townsend wrote & sent the papers to the 6th inst. by the [blank]—ment'd my being still out of Town but daily expected & that the Newspapers were rec'd 26 May by

the *Napoleon* & 31st by the *Florida* being the “Times” from 15th to 24th April—per the Packet Ship *G. Canning* to Liverpool

15 Jun wrote son Thomas, acknowledged his of 20 April from London & 28th from Brighton—ment’d my Long Island jaunt to Hempstead, Merrick & Musquito Cove, fishing twice, fatigue too much for me—also ment’d the expected removal of son Hart & family on the school business—Townsend on Long Island. John & ch. well, Frank & his also—letter from Lydia of the 9th, not a word of the new scheme—Betsey complaining, also Hamilton, Ann gone to Mr Cooper’s, Maria & Lydia very well—sent papers from 7th to 14th—by the *Caledonia* Captain Rodgers to Liverpool [Transcriber’s note: “Frank & his” probably refers to son, Francis Childs Moore.]

20 Jun wrote Lydia ans’g hers of 9th inst—desired to know about their removal, as soon as concluded upon—ment’d Mr Hart’s being here on Monday also his sister gone to N Haven—Mail & Paid

23 Jun to Thomas ans’g his of 13 May per the *Pacific* with the Chronicle & Globe papers—ment’d Mr Hart’s evident declining—expect Brother hourly, he having left Richmond on the 11th—not a line from Townsend—Ann returned well, his sister & her daughter Hoffman both unwell—my debility & difficulty in breathing increased, otherways well—also mentioned Bishop Inglis being here—sent papers from 15 to 21—per the *John Jay* 24th

30 Jun to Thomas ans’g his of 31 May, rec’d this day with newspapers—thought he made a bad exchange in taking the W Chronicle for the Times—mentioned the Turkish and Russian War, Bishop Inglis’s pleasant visit, told Thomas the circumstance of the Flag of Truce business & the induction of the Bishop’s father to the Rectory of T[rinity] Church which I attended officially as acting Sec. of the Province [see note below]—that Brother appeared to have fallen off within a year or two but went to H[empstead], not yet ret’d, family complaining but not seriously ill, myself much as when last mentioned—sent the newspapers from 23rd to 28th—what is Parl’t doing for the Tunnel [or Funeral?]—what is the real situation of Portugal—William’s school plan not approved by self, Lydia or Brother—his return, left all well at Hempst’d, sent the *Commercial* from 23 to 28 inclusive—per the *Canada* to Liverpool the 1st July

[Note: The Flag of Truce and Bishop Inglis references pertain to events during the Revolutionary War. In April 1776, an Act of Parliament shut the port of New York. There were no British troops in the city and the civilian government, predominantly Loyalists, fled when American troops began fortifying the length of Manhattan. John Moore was left in charge of the Custom House, the Naval Office and the Receiver General’s Departments with orders to take the seals of office into his possession and leave the city as well. He sent his family to the West Point estate of his uncle, Stephen Moore, and joined them there soon afterwards. Rev. Charles Inglis was a curate at Trinity Church who reportedly incurred the displeasure of the Patriots by praying for King George III during a service attended by Gen. George Washington. He, too, had sent his family to a safe haven up the Hudson. In September, the British reclaimed possession of New York City and John Moore began preparing to return to his offices. He left West

Point on the 17th of October; by December, John Moore, his kinsman Phillip John Livingston from Dutchess County, and Rev. Dr. Inglis of Trinity Church had obtained permission to retrieve their families from their places of refuge, and under the sanction of a Flag of Truce from Lord Howe, sailed up the Hudson. Rev. Inglis's family was at New Windsor, Phillip John Livingston's at Red Hook, and John Moore's at West Point. Rev. Inglis became the first Bishop of Nova Scotia in 1787, and it was his son, Bp. John Inglis, the 3rd Bishop of Nova Scotia who was visiting John Moore in 1828.]

8 July sent papers from 29th to 5 July—no letter—on one paper ment'd Br[other] gone home—per *Napoleon*
to Townsend ack'g his of 30 Jun rec'd by Brother—Stage

11 Jul to Townsend ans'g his of 9th inst—ment'd letter from Lydia of the 5th—desired him to acquaint Mr. & Mrs H of it & that Wm & 2 children may be exp'd in a fortnight—Stage

15 Jul to Thomas, no letter to answer, mentioned Wm being expected with 1 or 2 of the children here, preparatory to his removal with the family—ment'd the rebellious movement in So. Ca., looking like a separation of the U.S. Thos H Smith's failure, horrid failure of the Franklin Bank, the whole capital gone—Hill blamed—no change in my family—per the *Florida*, papers 7 to 14th

Forty-seventh page:

1828

23 July to Thomas ack'g his of 29 May per the *Britania* with papers 20th to 30th (& one Brighton paper with two of his squibs in it) also his of 14 June with papers 6th to 13th, debates in the H of Lords on the Catholic question—ment'd family—Betsey wrote on same sheet respecting Maria—sent papers 15th to 23rd inst—per Packet Ship the *Birmingham* the 24th

31 Jul to Thomas acknow'g his of 5 June per the *Sylvanus Jenkins* with Chronicle & Times between 31 May & 7 June—ment'd Wm coming again the 20th with Fanny & Julia, he ret'd the 28th leaving the children at Hempstead—that the family are chiefly in the country—Townsend at So. Hampton, Ann at Hempstead, Maria at Mr Cooper's, Betsey Hoffman, her children, her Aunt Harriet, & our Lydia at Peekskill—intend going with Betsey somewhere to country—John & Boys well—Frank & children also, but his wife not well, sent the papers from the 23rd to 30th inclusive—per Packet Ship the *Pacific Crocker*, Master 1 August

to Daughter Hart ans'g hers of 5 and 15 July—ment'd that a letter from her to Wm was brought, and not taken as he was gone, but thinking it ought to have [been?] rec'd & sent [to] his Father, son John went yesterday for it, but it was already Mailed for Richmond—said a good deal respecting their removal to encourage her—ment'd the dispersion of the family to the country & that I proposed going with her sister up the River for a few days—Mail & paid

to Son Townsend ans'g his of 15th from Patchogue, mentioned the dispersion of the family to different places in the country, and that I should also go with his sister up the River—Mail

my Brother, ans'g his of 18th, told him how my family was scattered in the country—explained the state of my deafness & weak state, that I had thought of going with Betsey up the River on a short visit to my wife's nephews & perhaps to B Town—Mail

7 Aug to Townsend ans'g his of 4th by Mail just rec'd—to Patchogue by Stage to Thomas ans'g his of 21 Jun rec'd this day by the Ship *York*, with newspapers—sent him copy of Lydia's lines on my last birthday with extract of her letter of same day—ment'd Townsend being at Patchogue but going to So. Hampton, that Betsey would attend to the business as he advises about Henry's bond [possibly Henry Hoffman], that H had taken Sam's business [possibly Samuel Hoffman], the sale of Nutters farm to the Harlem Canal Co—send papers from 31st July to 7 August inclusive—*Silas Richards* Holdridge 8 August

23 Aug sent the papers from 8th to 23rd inclusive—was too feeble to write myself to Thomas, but daughter wrote, ment'g my indisposition & gave him an account of our jaunt to N L [New London] & Norwich from the 11th to 21st inst. going & coming per the S. Boat *Fanny Davison*, Master—*Sylvanus Jenkins* Allen, 24 Aug

28 Aug wrote a line to my G Niece Nancy Huntington Richards at N London thanking her for her note of the 22nd with the cakes, by her Brother Peter, rec'd 24th—thanks also to her Parents for their hospitality and kind attentions on my repeated visits there—best love to my dear old sister, the young folks, and all friends—by Chan'g Richards her brother the 28th

{Transcriber's Note: John Moore's sister Ann married Gen. Jedidiah Huntington, and it is her family and descendants to which John is referring.}

30 Aug to Thomas complaining of no letter by the 3 last Liverpool Packets, nor no paper later than 3rd July, the London acco'ts are to 23rd—ment'd jaunt to Conn't, the dispute with the Corporation and Fire Men—very shameful. While writing, rec'd his of 29 June per the *Brighton*, papers per *Manchester* arr'd yesterday the latest of 28 June—as to fishing, I believe I must no longer indulge the idea—Lydia & family hourly expected. Mr Hart from H[empstead] is here looking out for them—31 postscript—several of the family taken sick last night, sickly in general—suffering by severe drought—per Packet Ship *New York*, Bennett, with papers to the 29th

Forty-ninth page:

1828

7 Sep to Thomas acknowledged his of 12th July from Paris sent to me by Mr Halsey the 2nd [Aug]—ment'd the deaths of Mrs Peters (the 4th of that family in a short time) & Gen. Bailie the Post Master yesterday by apoplexy—sent papers from 30 Aug to 6th inst, none missing, family pretty well, mentioned my debility, not only since came from N London—per Ship *York* Capt. De Cos__ [page torn] 8th

23 sent Thomas papers from 7 to 22nd inst. I directed them as usual, but not well enough to write, nor to acknowledge his letters of 27 July by the *Talma*, nor that of 13 August by the *Charlemagne* from France with papers from Paris, in English—Daughter wrote—per *William Byrne* to Liverpool 24th

30 wrote Thomas acknow'g his by the *Talma & Charlemagne* by Mr Wildes from Paris—my letter very short, Betsey also wrote, & sent the Com: Ad. To 29th—per *William Thompson* 1 Oct

15 Oct wrote Thomas acknow'd his of 30 August from Paris by the *Traner*, ment'd my being better in health, desired him not to hurry home on my account, sent the papers—Betsey wrote—by the *Caledonian* 16th

30 to Thos, ack'g his of 13 Sep by the *Sully* from Havana with papers to that date, that I presumed he was now in Eng'd, that I was better, desired him not to hurry home on my account—our surprise at the slow advances of the Russians, probably owing to T & E [?] politicks [*sic*]—sent the papers to this date, Betsey wrote—per the Packet Ship *Canada* to Liverpool 1 Nov'r

[Transcriber's note: This is the last entry made by John Moore in his letter book. The entry below was made by son Thomas, in pencil. Despite numerous reminders, Thomas failed to remember his father's last address or his actual death date. Most likely, Thomas had not returned to New York at the time of John Moore's death.]

My father died (in NYork No. — Hudson St.) the 28th [*sic* 24th] Nov following— 1828
T.W.C. Moore

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