

Philad<sup>a</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> 1779

Dear Sir

Being in daily expectation of sending my  
Sons to you, has prevented my answering your favor of the 2<sup>d</sup>  
April before; I am extremely happy in committing the  
Care of their Education to a Gentleman so universally  
Esteem'd, and Admir'd, not in the least doubting your  
Care and Attention to them in every particular.

Let me beg of you my Dear Sir to treat them in the  
same manner as you would your own; when they  
desire Correction, I wish not to have them spared.

They have been for sometime in this City which is a bad  
School, and my Situation has prevented my paying  
that Attention to them I otherwise should have done.  
If they have contracted any bad Habits they are not of  
a long standing, and I make no doubt under your Care  
they will soon forget them; — I wish their Education

To be useful rather than learned, Life is too  
short and uncertain to throw away in Speculation on  
Subjects, that perhaps only one Man in Ten thousand  
has a Genius to make a figure in; — You will pardon  
my dictating to you, Sir, but as the Fortunes of every Man  
in this Country are uncertain I wish my Sons to be Educated  
in such a Manner that with prudence and Industry they  
may acquire a Fortune / in case they are deprived of their  
Patrimony / as well as to become Useful Members of Society

My Taylor has disappointed me and  
sent home three Cloths unfinished I am therefore under  
the Necessity of sending them undone or detaining the  
Wagon, I cannot think of doing the latter and must  
by the favor of you to procure three Cloths finished and  
some New Ones made out of my old ones — I must  
by you to purchase any little matters necessary for them  
I have Inclosed three hundred Dollars for this use out of  
which you will please to give as much to spend as you think  
Proper, with this Condition that they render to you a

Regular Account as often as you think  
Necessary of their Expenses, a Copy of which I shall expect  
they will transmit to me, this will teach them Economy,  
and Method so necessary in almost every thing in  
Life.

If there is any Books wanting I beg you  
to purchase them, and whenever you are in want of money  
to Draw on me.

I shall expect they will write me  
frequently. — of this they will doubtless want  
Reminding.

I have the honor to be with great  
Respect and Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

Wm's M. Booth

B. Amos

Defeated by Mrs. E. Stewart of Boston  
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Major Gen.  
Arthur Smith  
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