

Bowd Coll Nov 28, 1822

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As my pantaloons were in a miserable condition & as I had written home twice to ask their advice about getting some here or at home, & received no answer I ventured to get me a pair here I will tell their cost & you may show it father. Cloth 2 yards & 1/4 at \$1.00 per yard = 2.25 the cloth I believe is called Lining, silk & Bottoms = 0.75 satinette or some such name —

Cutting & making = .75 name —

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