

Dear Brother
 Boston 17th February 1783.
 Your letter of the 8th Instant of M^r Emerson came safe to hand, it gave me pleasure as it acquainted me with yours & familys being well which I have not for some time been able to learn any thing off. I think you could not send your Hay to Boston at a more proper time than this, as that Article is now at the highest, it sells in Town from 5/ to 6/ P Cent, as Brother Joe tells me you most certainly intend to send some Round soon, should it be in my power to render you any service by recommending, or in any way assist the Person who shall have the disposal of it you may rely on it I shall with the greatest Cheerfullness do it. You wish to know wither M^r Winslow has taken up his Note, in Answer to which must inform you I have not seen him since I last wrote you he ^{has} been in Town, his affair comes on at our next Superior Court when he must naturally attend, and I will see him ^{then} and press him for the Payment of the Note, I believe him to be an honest Man, and that he has been ill treated, and therefore wish him success. The enclosed letter from Colborn to you, was put in to Joes hands a few days ago, without a line to him, or any other person, and as we wish to know how affairs are with him ^{and} ^{with} you to inform us as soon as you conveniently can after Receipt hereof. I have been favor'd with two letters from Maria since I last saw you they are of a tenor with those you have seen, she complains much of the neglect of her friends, wishes much to join me in any part of the World, and has pointed out several Plans ^{which}

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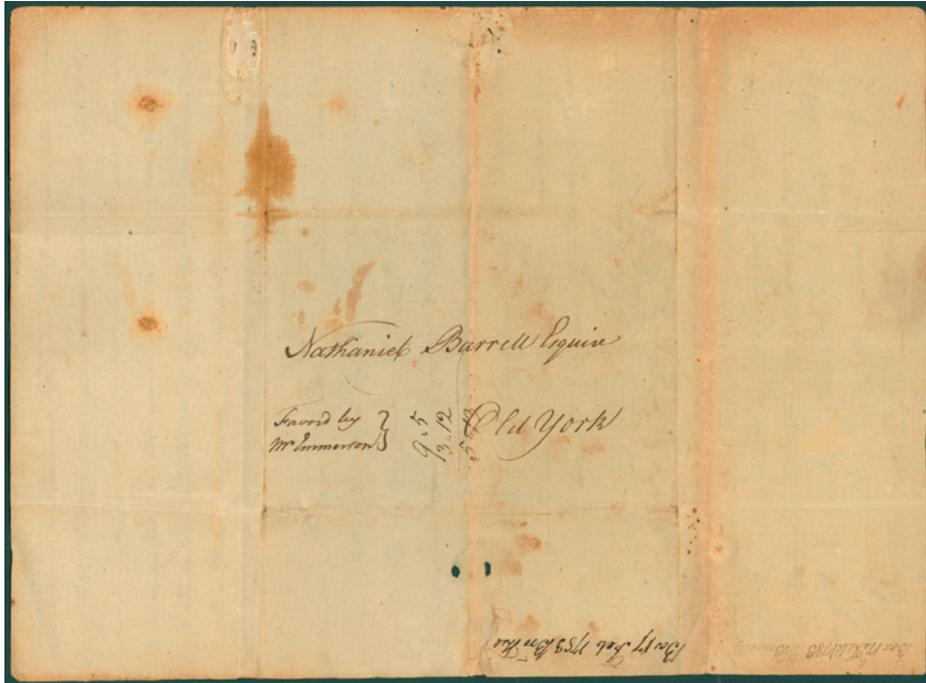
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Favored by Old York
Mr. Emmerson

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