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Description: Benjamin Baldwin on death of Loammi Baldwin

## Woburn Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1804

Dear S<sup>r</sup>

I presume before this time you have had the news of the death of my late Hon<sup>d</sup> Father

As I can not now be particulars as to his sickness the past season I will only say that it was the effects of Jaundice and an accumulation of Boil on his stomach

At times he thought himself in danger when at others that he might recover. Till at length about the first of October his disorders began to be alarming and to late were, the most eminent phyticians call'd to his assistance. They pronounce'd him dangerous could not give the scant hope of recovery - He seem'd to be perfectly sensable of his alarming sit--uation and that life must be short, resign'd, to the will of Heaven, he anticipated death with great composier, finaly he impatiently weight'd the great command 'till at length, on the morning of the 20th Ult. about half past 5 Oclock he calmly breath'd his last. You can not be to sensable of the effect of this meloncoly change in our family and what incress'd it the more is, that Loammi is now in Europe. and probably has not yet received the

modoneoly news, his noturn is uncertain on However the Estato must be Titto and to effect which my Brother bynes and myself hour lun appointe administrators, I expect to be in Roldwin the latter part of Duemer, my deject will be to assertain the teterations of aur property in that town git the value of it as correct as possible and withty's by three Juditions men, then by out apprisors it can be added to the Inventory, at the same time I have it will be in your fower to advance some mony on your own account, In this respect & Thoused not be so urgest daid not neurity request. my stathers long confinment me the son fine added to his farmer contracts, has inerested the demand against the estate to a considerable amount, uning On amount of a store established of the head of the canal the last thring) there is due in fronton 12 or 15 hours - and dollars which aught to have been fair long before this time, also 10 or 12 labouring men who have been imployed on our farm, finishing the new house dun't me now weighting for this money In my assections will not admit of a long larry in Braldwin, Amowing your goodness & tates liberty of requesting your to assist me in effecting the object

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However the Estate must be settle and to effect which my Brother Cyrus and myself have been appointed administrators. I expect to be in Baldwin the latter part of December, my object will be to ascertain the situations of our property in that town get the value of it as correct as posable and certify'd by three juditious men, then by our apprisors it can be added to the Inventory, at the same time I hope it will be in your power to advance some money on your own account. In this respect I should not be so urgent did not necesity require it.

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My Fathers long confinment and ^ the sam[torn page] ime added to his former contracts, has increas'd the demand against the estate to a considerable amount, among which

^ (On account of a stone establish'd at the head of the canal the last spring) thine is due in Boston 12 or 15 hun-dred dollars which aught to have been paid long before this time. Also 10 or 12 labouring men who have been imploy'd on our farm, finishing the new house & with me now wieghting for their money

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in Baldwin, knowing your goodness I taken ^ liberty of requesting you to assist me in effecting the object

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With Much Esteem I am Your Obedient Servnt

Josiah Pierce Esqr.

Benj<sup>m</sup> F Baldwin