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Description: Alexander W. Longfellow wrote to George F. Shepley asking on behalf Silvanus Baker of Yarmouth who sought to retrieve the belongings and funds of his son, George O. Baker.

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referring you to a note I wrote Mr. Oscar  
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Very respectfully truly  
Yours  
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