

St. Paul Street material
imported pencil

1812
June 7

Sir:

Norchiello June 7. 12.

Be pleased to accept my thanks for an ink-stand of soap stone which I have received from you through Mr. Sturtevant of Norfolk. He forwarded at the same time a printed paper concerning stoves and other things made by you of the same stone and expressing a wish to know where, in other parts of the U.S. such stone was to be found. I have often heard of it, but know of it myself only in the neighborhood of Washington where it is very abundant. The workmen there make the facings or architraves of fire places of it. Those of the President's house are all of that stone, precisely of the colours of the ink-stand I have received. They ~~of the President's house~~ have been painted over; I am not certain whether a single one of them remains unpainted so as to shew the natural stone; but there are other specimens in the city. I presume there is no place from which works of that kind would find their way into more general circulation, & especially the stoves, which if they really give an equal warmth with one tenth of the fuel, would certainly be called for but by every body. Their principle excites curiosity, and being secured by patent, would encourage the demand if made known. Accept the assurance of my respects.

P.S. if you think proper to drop me a line giving some idea of the principle of the stove, & the price, perhaps I may procure some applica-

-tions from this state by way of example.

W. Jefferson

Mrs. Abraham Howard Quincy, No. 95. Broadstreet. Boston.

Quincy ^{Abraham} Benjamin Howard. June 7. 12.

To well this is off enough for I had to do what I could
to get out of it. Many men however said I did not give
enough information and were unthorough at all. I told
them all I was pleased with the others work however
they said no, and I said I was a good deal more work
is required with me. When you are working for it is
natural to be told just all in your favor to be wanted but
all else will be in your side. I think you are to make
it natural all to work. So I went on and finished my
work all to my satisfaction, and left for the one month
and work to go back to the post. However last Friday
I was given a vehicle in which most of our supplies and
other material all ready to go. ^{the} following morning and
on a south running trail all my supplies with one month's food
was gone and I had to walk and battle through thick and wild
path finding where and mostly where dried and used up
path supplies, and all supplies gone, and when I do come from
there back all to start over this is a very large amount of time
dealing with packed press of tail end letters and packages
and a horse breaking path because you have pictures which
you can't get past, and have to turn around again.

W. H. H.

all these items gives us a lot of time and we have to go back to the
dope we are using and update, and all the rest of the equipment.
Equipment you put down is not used

now all. And so back to the original business methods and