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New York 4th Feb 1822

Sir,

I have sent this day by Mr. Taylor of Bethell the box of Shellac of which you have had a bill some days since.

Mr. Charles Bostwick of the firm of Bostwick & Pete – Dry good merchants in Pearl St. called on me the other day respecting your son—having heard that I was looking out for a place for him I told him that Mr. Wetmore was expecting him 1st of May next-- but that I would see Mr. Wetmore & write you—Mr. Bostwick wished me to state to you that they were a doing a good business that he would have a good chance at accounts. That they had no clerk now & that if you was a mind to let him come now & stay till first of may next without any expence [*sic*] to them you could send him right down & that next may when you came down if you & them could not agree as to saliry [*sic*] there after you could then take him away—This I stated to Mr. Wetmore

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who has no objections to his gowing [*sic*] with Bostwick & Pete till 1st May next & then thinks he ought to be put on the same footing as B & Pete—that is the one that will do the best by him to take him. I told Mr. Wetmore that as you expected him to have your son I thought you would agree to that. I think it will be to your interest to send him now as they propose—as he will be a getting some information & be of more service to someone next May.

Yours,

James Benedict