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Sag Harbor 5th Dec. 1821-

W^m Felix. Doming.

Sir

Some two or three weeks since I rec^d a letter from you by mail, without date.

It came to hands on Monday; I had not heard of the watches being down at the untill the Saturday before, and then by accident, although I had seen Mr. Gelston almost daily, and when I called on Mr. Gelston on Monday he informed me you brought them down yourself. - I was then the more surprised as I was in hopes & expectations you would have been so good as to have called and seen me agreeable to my desire; which as you paper the house were I now reside would have given you but little trouble. -

By your letter you appear rather displeased at my writing you that Mr. Harris did not wish a glass put in his watch and observed that Simons put them in for 12½ Cts. - I conceive there was no harm in this - I know very well there is a difference in the prices of Glasses, and some costing twice as much as others, and as real Cristal I judge would cost four times the price of a glass - But people will do as they

please and in general to let them do as they please
is the best for all tradesmen. Some chooses their
garments made in one fashion & some of another —
Some prefer high priced broad cloths & some lower
priced. But for one to refuse to do the work
in making or repairing clothes because they
would not purchase my clothes, but preferred others,
would I think be against my interest as I
think it may be against yours; that is if there
is any profit ⁱⁿ cleaning watches at the price
you usually charge. —

I had no other views in sending you the
watches that I have, than for your profit, and I
have been requested to send up others but did not
know as you would wish to receive them to
clean or repair, as possibly Simons might have
put in the Glasses. —

When I asked you the price of your watch
in Easthampton, I judged your price of 10⁰⁰ \$
included the chain, but 50 cts extra would make
no difference, or no great, in the purchase of the
watch; could I procure means to buy her with.

My Wood and provisions for the winter
have cost me so much that I find it not
in

any power to master Cash to pay for a watch —

Your watch I like very well and have kept her hanging up in my house, longer than I should have done was it not for the hopes of seeing you down at the harbor — When Mr. Rogers gave me the watch I observed the Christal a little cracked if it happened in his hands I feel desirous to pay for a new one, and also any thing you may charge, within reason, for the use of the watch, if it has been any disappointment to you on account of my keeping the watch so much longer than I calculated when I took her. —

I should be pleased to see you if you will take the trouble to call on me when you come to the harbor. — I was intimately acquainted with your Grandfather; between us, there was quite a friendship & good understanding on all subjects. —

I have some acquaintance with your father, & your unfortunate brother, was quite intimate in my family; and I had a desire of cultivating a good understanding with you & thought I might possibly be of some advantage to you in obtaining customers. — Please your Watch as you direct with Mr. A. H. Gardiner. I am Dear Sir with
respect your friend H. P. Dring

HPD

Mr Felix Daming

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