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Silver recipes and contemporary correspondence.

[s.l.]: [s.n.], 1826/1827

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Receipt given verbally by N.
 Domine for making Silvering such
 as he uses for Black faces - In 1000.
 Dissolve fine silver in double aqua
 fortis, for spirits of vitre (see) after
 solution add Argol or crude tartar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 10 times the weight of silver and
 aqua fortis (or nitre) or if cream of
 tartar is used one half as much
 crude & $\frac{1}{3}$ as much common salt
 as of the crude tartar. Pulverize all
 together in a wood or marble ^{mortar} _{stone}
 yvorn brass or copper well. rub it on
 with water which will be of the con-
 sistence of thin paste, rub it quick
 in clean water & wipe till dry
 with a cloth. after pulverizing add new
 cider in the bottle to keep it off
 for convenience to use.

Mem See Chemistry - Irons acid
 combined with silver In. 740 In.
 730 - - 753 -

Solution of aqua fortis with silver
 colours, iron / mixed diluted / brown & black
 comes to brown & black. gives to iron
 a reddish, after a purple & fixer to
 a brown must be exposed to the Sun
 Mem. to Silver the brass hammer to
 the front door -

Mem - from Encyclopedie In
 1000 Libr - See Marble &
 various methods of coloring. See
 Chemistry. 753. - to colour mar-
 ble purple & then brown. take
 See Marble. imitated with brim-
 stone &c.

Lead is to Iron in weight as 11 to 7
 or 12 to 8. - that is lead loses when
 immersed in water from $\frac{1}{11}$ to $\frac{1}{12}$
 & Iron from $\frac{1}{7}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ -
 say as $\frac{12}{11}$ to 8.

Lead is rendered sonorous by casting
 into a spherical form or bottom of Iron
 ladle. perhaps a good form for bells
 of blocks - Chemistry - 1211 -
 Solution of lead by plates, boiled in alkali
 aline lixivie a small part is dis-
 solved & more corroded. a solution will
 stain hair black. - 1216 -

Soap is decomposed by blowing
 sed air into a solution of it in water.
 See 1026 - & 1027 -



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January 27, 2003

Mr. Charles Hummel
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Dear Mr. Hummel,

Allow me to apologize for my delay in sending you these copies.

You may recall that we discussed these handwritten pages this past spring. They concern the process that the Dominy family used to silver their clock dials during the 19th century.

The original document is on file here at the Bridge Hampton Historical Society. It was one of a number of pieces we purchased from a local dealer.

Should you have any questions regarding this document you may contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey K. Fleming".

Geoffrey K. Fleming
Director

Encl.

February 4, 2003

Mr. Geoffrey K. Fleming
Director
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Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 27, 2003 with copies of the recipes that Nathaniel Dominy IV used to silver the faces of his clock dials.

The manuscripts do not identify the recipient of Nathaniel Dominy's verbal instructions. Is that person known?

I have forwarded your letter and copies of the documents to Richard McKinstry, Librarian, Joseph Downs Manuscript and Printed Ephemera Collection, at Winterthur. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling our attention to the recipes. The documents will be added to the Dominy material already in the Downs Collection.

With many thanks and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Charles F. Hummel
Curator Emeritus
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✓ cc: Richard McKinstry



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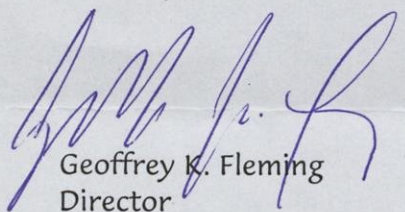
Dear Mr. Hummel,

Thank you for your letter of February 4th, 2003. As you may have realized, I have recently changed positions and joined a larger institution here in Southold.

In regards to the material I copied for you relating to how Nathaniel Dominy IV silvered his clock dials. It is very unclear to whom this information had been given. The document itself was acquired by a local antique book dealer located on the North Fork of Long Island with a quantity of other unrelated material.

I am glad that you will be including the information in Winterthur's archives, as I believe it is a very interesting document.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey K. Fleming
Director