

2 July 1796

Dear Sir,

Your last letter with the 466 dol 66 cents
 &c. came safe to hand. It was too late, or it should
 have been answered by the next day's Post.

I think that if Peace should take place in
 Europe, as it possibly may by the close of this summer,
 the price of real Estate will fall. For this reason,
 I am desirous, as well as Mr. Deby, to sell my Lots
 at the ~~present~~ ^{last} price concluded for them. I conceive
 that the square of ground being let for the summer
 will not prove an hindrance; for as the object
 arising from the hay or grass is but small, it will
 of course be thought proper that it should give
 way to a greater.

I shall be much obliged
 to you Sir for any assistance or information on
 the subject of the sale of these Lots, or any
 other belonging to either of M^{rs}. Eckley's Sisters.

With my family's & my own respectful &
 friendly regards, I am Sir

Your Obed^t & Obliged Humble Serv^t &c.

Joshua Wentworth Esq^r

Joseph Eckley.

Boston July 2 1796

Sir

Your favor by Post with the money enclosed 466 Doll: 66 C^{ts} 34 over, came safe to hand — and I am much obliged for by your attention to the business — & believe the Marsh to be very well sold. I shall be happy to accept your offer respecting the other lots when they are enquired after & should like to dispose of them soon.

Please to accept my best wishes for your health & prosperity, & present my affectionate regards to Mrs Wentworth & Miss Ann, in which Sister Echley unites.

I remain
with due esteem
your friend & cousin

J. Jeffries