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Honored Father,

Time and the occasion will not excuse me from performing my duty to parents—am happy to inform you of my good health which I have been blessed with since my departure from you—I still continue in School on terms as I have informed you before in some of my preceding letters—as for employment I think I shall not lack if I continue in this place, of such as is profitable. If War should ensue as is very strongly apprehended by gentlemen in general—I know not what will be my situation—but, as I am of a disposition that feareth not danger untill am more sensibly appraised of it than by the mere suspense of timid people I shall not at present relinquish my encouragements here to flee for protection in any other place—but whenever danger appears I will take all proper means to protect myself with the assistance of a higher power. I am one of a great number who are to take care of themselves with the assistance of God and he that steereth the most regular diligent and faithful course will by the Blessing of God, come nighest the prize, and the young man who, like myself is born and sets out in the world with little or no fortune must take every advantage of adverse fortune and wisely pursue the intended prize, if ever he intends to rise to a moderate summit of his expectations—but I will shift this subject to something more interesting to you and to the world than this the contents of a mind whose imaginary forebodings whisper him that he is on the verge of prosperity or calamity--------

To conclude I will entertain you with an account of Samuel's situation—Ever since my arrival here I have discovered a very strong attachment or a connection forming between Samuel and a very amiable young Widow, Sister of Mr. Tyler his partner in Trade, though I knew nothing as a positive ( fact ) until about a week ago when Mr. Tyler came to me with a private request for me to go to Montreal and get a very fine suit of clothes for Samuel— and told me he was about to be married. I accordingly complied with the request and return'd from Montreal on Tuesday with the wedding suits—and Thursday evening I had the honour of being eye witness to their joining heart and hand in holy wedlock band. The guests on Thursday evening were Uncle Wm and wife, Uncle Dan and Wife and Sally - the Bride's two Brothers, her cousin and his wife, myself and a Bridesman and maid. The Rev. Mr. Amos Pitengels ( lately ordained pastor of the Church in this Town ) made the nunnial knot in a very pleasing and admirable manner. After ceremonies were past the guests retired—The succeeding day a general invitation was given to all who wished to accept. Mr. Tyler prepared a dinner and the tables were set in the Store which is a very long and convenient room elegantly decorated and hung about with hanging of various colours with the American Flag briskly flying over the door of the entry. At 12 o'clock the procession proceeded to arrive in the following manner—The Groom and Bride paraded in front of a number of respectable Gentlemen and Ladies and moved a few rods to the hall ( or store where the dinner was prepared ) where they were received by the politeness of a number of Gentlemen ( Chosen Officers of the Day ) accompanied by a Clarinet and Violin. After a pleasing regale the Groom and Bride with the rest of the Ladies were escorted back to the house from whence they came and there spent the remaining part of the day in social Chat—whilst the Gentlemen paraded and marched around—Commanded by Mr. Tyler, Commander in Chief of the Day ) The scene was closed by the firing of Fifty-sixes, giving of toasts and huzzahing of Cheers. - A short evening exercise was perform'd besides—The two people that were thus joined have ever appeared to have that regard for each other which is not found in every Matrimonial State—and I congratulate them beyond expression on their happy connection for they appear to be on the summit of Love and enjoy each others company to the utmost perfection and pleasure. She has ever treated me with the kindness of a mother and the affection of a Sister. She has two of the finest Children by her first husband who do her and him honour by their good conduct.

Paper will not permit of my communicating all the contents of my mind on
the occasion—whether Sam'l has ever written to you or not I don't know— for through diffidence or some other end is positive he has never consulted me on the affair but I freely give my consent and think myself honor'd—
I shall delay no opportunity of coming to Conn't whenever I can without disinteresting myself. I hope some of us shall come in the course of the Winter but not certain now.
This from your very faithfull and obedient
Son & Serv't
Wm Beaumont

Champlain Sept 13:th 1807

P. S. Respects as usual
Remind my friends to write.

( this letter addressed to Mr. Samuel Beaumont
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Connecticut )