

bard, is lately brought to bed of a fine Girl named Ann. This next March they are removing from the Ironworks to settle on my Lower Farm leaving that business to his Brother to manage. Your Correspondent Mr. Callender has shut up shop and Craved License of his creditors for time. How you are circumstanced with him I know not, but from hence you may take your measures &c: All things in these part run very difficult for want of money in our Ordinary affairs. The Country paper bills being daily called in, so that our distress on this head begins to be very great. There are projections on foot to Establish a bank of Credit upon real estates to the value of £2 or 300,000; wht ye success of it will be is yet uncertain. Our General Court has it now under their consideration, and tis to be hoped may have a good issue.— I have met with difficulties in my personal affairs, but shall wade thro' them & then hope to find leisure to visit your parts, of which I had some thoughts the last Summer, which occasioned my long silence. If you and my Daughter come hither, I shall endeavor to accompany you on your return. My wife, mother, Peggie, Hittie<sup>1</sup> and my two boys, all of them give their hearty love and respects to you both. Pray bid Beckie<sup>2</sup> kiss her two children in my behalf and tell her I love her dearly. That God may take you under His protection and prosper you in all yr affairs is the daily and hearty prayer of your most affectionate and loving ffather,

JO NELSON

This day we are in Towne to solemnize the funeral of Mr. Sergeant, who died on Monday last.

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<sup>1</sup> His daughter Mehetable, later Mrs. Temple.

<sup>2</sup> His daughter, Mr. Lloyd's wife.