

Boston Oct. 2. 1850.

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This history is simple and comprised in few words. The old case was received by me from my late father, and was employed by him in the army of the American Revolution, during the first years of the war, and during the remaining years in the American

Continental Hospital in Boston.

The case was probably given to him by his brother, General Joseph Warren, whom he served as medical pupil.

The tourniquet is a French instrument, from a model of great antiquity. It is, perhaps, the best instrument of the kind which has been invented.

This, as well as the other instruments, was employed in the public service during the whole of the Revolutionary War.

These instruments I have taken great pleasure in transmitting to you, under the impression that [they will receive additional honor, by being in the possession of one whose] ^{that your} talents and industry will, [I doubt not] reflect ~~honor~~ on new lustre

Character of him who was the
the original possessor. original possessor.
and your first predecessor in office.
With much regard,

Your friend & C.,

Dr. Warren
to H. J. Bigelow

old instruments

Wash.

This copy
found by J. H. H. H. H.

July 1880

The original, presented at the
School by Dr. Bigelow, was
 stolen from him some years
 since -

Y. H. W.

Transcribed 12 May 1980 from one of two letters on the same subject: this, the first draft being on a light blue paper, in the hand of an amanuensis, unsigned, but with notations as below on the (folded) outside.

The second and final (i.e., signed) draft is in the same hand as the above and on a (now) buff paper of less quality than the above blue stock.

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(The final draft is signed: J. C. Warren)

On the "outside", as folded: Dr. Warren to H. J. Bigelow old instruments Waste(sic.) This copy Found by J. Collins Warren July 1880 (- In the hand of J.C.W. grandson of the signatory), Also: " The original, preserved at the School by Dr. Bigelow, was stolen from him some years since - JCW. "

AL Dunner 12 May 1980

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