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If a man for this purpose we must have, I could procure one from Cape Ann or a Mr Stretton formerly from Charlestown N.H. but not knowing what order the Board will take upon the subject of an assistant Agent I shall make no arrangements until I hear from you. I have appointed the 4th of July next as a day of thanksgiving after our good old New England fashion & I doubt not but you will consider it under existing circumstances with friends & learning as a Christian community. Although myself am not a religionist or a religious man, still not a day or hardly an hour passes but I feel a rewarded connection that we are not have been specially favored by Divine providence, & I judged that a public expression of our gratitude for such favors would not only be our duty to the great Author of all good, but gratifying to our pious & philanthropic patrons--

You will notice that I have not ventured to give any names to our towns, rivers, lakes, streets or any thing of the kind. I await your order upon the matter. I should however think that our streets ought to have the names of the gentlemen of the boards.

I commence this letter with an apology for the execution & matter of any former communications & am extremely unfeigned that necessity obliges me to dispatch this even in rough draught. Were it a private correspondence it would be a different matter, but I consider myself as highly responsible for sending a communication to you as Secretary of the Society, which from its return ought to be printed for the press, in a manner unfinished & state. I have therefore to request that if there is any one part of this passage which you wish to place before the public etc, you would in charity to myself & for the honour of your Board drop it in as good a manner as its naturals deformities will admit of.

With sentiments of the highest respect & esteem
I have the honour to be
Your ob. Servt.
Samuel Hall

To Gen. Wm B. Stockton Esq

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