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A. Well I received a note from Mr Chatterton to come here as a witness.

Q. Have you the note with you

A. No I gave it to the baby to play with

Q. State what difference you perceive between the J's in John in Exhibit No 5 and Josephine in Exhibit No 2.

A. The pencil J in No 5 is so dim I cannot distinguish it by the gas light

Q. Look at Plffs Exhibits Nos 1.2.3 & 4 and also Plffs Exhibit No 5 in pencil and state whether you perceive any resemblance between the letters in Exhibit No 5 and the letters of Exhibits 1.2.3 & 4

A. By gas light I cant discover any resemblance

Q. Do you mean to say the light is too feeble for you to Judge by

A. I mean just what I said. I can read them by the gas light but I can discover no resemblance between the handwriting indicating they are the same

Q. Is the present light sufficiently strong for you to distinguish clearly each letter and the formation of each letter in those Exhibits

A. Not the pencil letters. the ink letters it is

Mrs Sarah M. Whetts

B. Siffingwell
Dexter A. Hawkins } Commrs

Exhibit B. reffered to by Mary Elizabeth Chatterton marked B. M. L.

Phila. Janry 16th 1854

Dear Sister

Some six weeks I wrote to you why

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is it that you have not answered me, if you knew how much I want to hear from mother you would write, I should have written oftener but I have not energy or ambition enough to hold up my head half the time, let alone writing. My Cough is very bad and am not able to attend to business in any form and it is seldom that I go to the store more than twice a week and then only for an hour or two, as I am able to do nothing poor Bob has to tend to business very close not even having time to take his dinner home. But he is very kind to me and insists on my making myself perfectly easy and comfortable. Oh how fortunate I am in having such a brother for without him what what would be the fate of poor Burt sick without a home not able to earn ~~earn~~ a cent to buy a crust of bread with and no one to turn to for help indeed my lot would be hard indeed Josephine is more kind than I ever had any reason to expect for she makes me a good many goog things and trys to make me comfortable and contented I hope you will write soon and often give my love to Mother and Dean and tell William I should like to hear from him. If all things turn out right I shall try and come home next June or July I like Phila very much far better than New York but I am - - - will close with a God Bless you all and be - - - - - Dear Sister

Your affectionate Brother. Bu - - -

Plffs (Stephen S Chatterton) No 7. M & L

Dear Bro.

We are ruined the House took fire and