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Dear Mrs. Law,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec. 30th.

I am glad that "BROTHER SQUARE TOES" and "A PRIEST IN SPIRE OF HIMSELF" interested you as a Philadelphian. I think that some years ago a letter or an article appeared in one of the Philadelphian papers and, shortly afterwards, a correspondent was kind enough to send me the very signature of the late Doctor Tobias Herte to an old promissory note, which I valued very much. As far as I can recall, at this distance, there was a little history of the Moravian Church in Philadelphia at the beginning of last century which supplied most of the characters that were needed in the tales; and when one gets Redjacket, Toby Herte, the Moravian connection and the legend that Talleyrand once sold buttons for a living in Philadelphia, all mixed up together, you can see that the rest of the tale marched by itself; even if Providence had not sent me an old map of the American Colonies of 1774, or thereabouts which gave me all the old trails and ferries that were required. There was really no reason why one should ever have stopped .

Yours truly,

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