

with the Burges, the Walkers, Welsh and other families, with whom I resided in 1842.

I am, now, about to sail, and may be absent two years. On my return, I shall visit my boyhood's home, if I do not make it my final home. Until then, I must bid adieu.

Respectfully your ob't serv't,

THOS. J. JONES, Chief Engineer, U. S. N.

On Board U. S. S. S. Ticonderoga.

P. S.—I paid the Express charges.

T. J. J.

[Accompanying the above was a box with the following articles of much interest and value: a traveler's food bag, made by the natives of the fibre of the cocoanut; a cloth or mat used or worn by Africans; an ivory hunter's fetich of success; an elephant's tooth; a doctor's gilla or fetich; a hump-back whale's tooth, charms worn by kings; a rattle to dispell and breezes and call for sea breezes; a canibal's war-knife, manufactur'd and used by the Africans of the Upper Goboan river; and also a specimen of lava from the peak of Teneriffe, an island off the coast. An appropriate acknowledgment was returned, and further collections were solicited.—EDITOR.]

LETTER OF HOSEA B. HORN, ESQ.

BLOOMFIELD, DAVIS CO., IOWA,)
April 29, 1863)

SIR—This day, I mail to you the first volume of the "Iowa Farmer's Advocate," published by James Tizzard & Co., at Burlington, Iowa, commencing, August, 1847. It was edited by H. Gates; and at the close of the first year, was merged into the "Valley Farmer," at St. Louis, Mo.

It is, I believe, the first Agricultural paper ever published in Iowa. I was a subscriber to it, at the time of its publication, preserved the same, and now present the volume to the State Historical Society.

I, also, send you an old copy of a "Narrative of the Civil and Military Services of W. H. Harrison," published in 1836. This copy, I have had in my possession nearly twenty-seven years, having purchased the same in July, 1836.

I am very respectfully your obed't serv't,

HOSEA B. HORN.

Librarian of State Historical Society, Iowa City, Iowa.

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