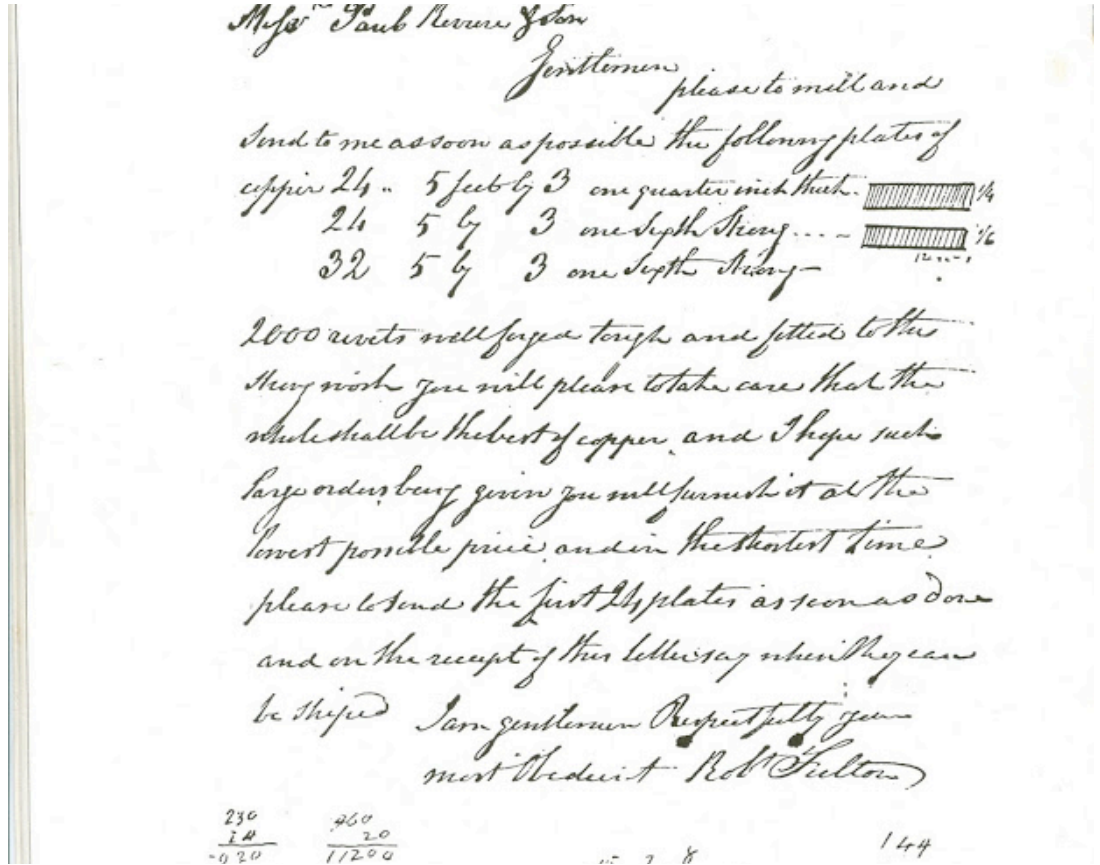


HISTORICAL DOCUMENT SURVEY

Applicant: Canton Public Library

Excerpt of Letter
from Robert Fulton
to Paul Revere
dated December
10, 1812

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Project Description:

The Town of Canton has a rich history that is reflected in primary source documents, manuscripts and photographs held principally by three Town institutions: the Canton Public Library, the Canton Town Clerk and the Canton Historical Society. These documents are in need of preservation so they may be shared with current and future generations of residents and visitors to the Town. Currently, there is no central location to house or catalog to reference these resources. Ideally, these often fragile historic documents would be stored in a secure and climate-controlled environment and be digitally recorded in a centralized catalog.

Reaching this ideal scenario is a multi-step process with the accompanying need to itemize and prioritize related tasks. Accordingly, the Canton Public Library is seeking CPA funds in the amount of \$10,000 to hire a consulting archivist - specializing in document preservation - to survey the Town's collections and provide a Master Preservation Plan. The master plan will provide guidance and recommendations with respect to: (1) maintaining an appropriate physical environment to support the survival of the collections over time; (2) identifying and addressing specific preservation issues; and (3) planning for the physical as well as virtual organization, integration and accessibility to historic documents by the public.