

New Haven, March 1, 1805

William Cooper esq.  
Sir,

My Brother Nathaniel on his return from the westward this fall paid some twenty dollars, the receipt of which I now have before acknowledged, to be laid out for your son. Which with the two hundred and fifty dollars you sent me last summer has been expended for your son. I have generally delivered to him from five to ten dollars at a time & have paid the demands against him, which appeared to be lbrynt.

I have lately ascertained that he is unusually in debt to the Merchants for books and clothes. The exact amount I do not know, but I should think to the amount of five hundred dollars. It may be more and perhaps less. Some money at the present time seems indispensable.

With sentiments of respect, I am yours,  
Nathan Smith