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## OLD DR. FRANCIS

NEW YORK, DEC. 27TH, 1856.

Dear Sir:

I could not do otherwise than comply with a request so kindly communicated. But my Dear Sir, what is the cause of this extreme rage for autographs? The pursuit is insistent, it may be gratifying, and hence then after all it is not to be deprecated. Let us give you an autograph story. When our Art Academy of Fine Arts was established in 1804, the Great Napoleon sent to it a vast collection of Busts, Pictures, etc. etc. and with his great donation was sent his Autograph. It was framed and put up in the Academy's Home. Thousands went to the Academy to see the dreadful scroll called the Bonaparte Autograph. This occurrence is about the beginning among us of the Autograph Mania.

Your friend

JOHN W. FRANCIS, M. D.

## TITUS HOSMER.

Titus Hosmer was born in Watertown, Connecticut, in 1736. His grandfather had been an officer in Cromwells army and upon the restoration had emigrated to Boston and afterwards to Connecticut. Titus Hosmer graduated at Yale in the class of 1757 and

afterwards began the practice of law in his native town. From 1773 to 1778 Mr. Hosmer was a member of the Connecticut assembly over which he presided as speaker in 1777. He served in the continental congress in 1778 and 1779 and in the following year became judge of the maritime court of appeals in the United States. Hosmer was closely intimate with the poet, Joel Barlow, and the latter wrote a touching eulogy upon Hosmer's death.

Titus Hosmer died in Watertown, Conn., August 4th, 1780.

A miscellaneous collection of autographs was sold by Stan V. Henkels in Philadelphia on March 11th.

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