The process for procuring bodies for dissection was highly competitive and often resulted in criminal executions. The body of Levi Ames was pronounced dead by Dr. Jeffries, yet by the time we reached the Point, the body was already on its way to being buried. We concluded that the body had been taken by the Stillmanites and delivered to a boat filled with about twelve of Stillman’s cronies, who rowed it over to Dorchester Point.

"DEAR BROTHER,—This may serve to inform you, that as soon as the body of Levi Ames was pronounced dead by Dr. Jeffries**, it was delivered by the Sheriff to a person who carried it in a cart to the water side, where it was received into a boat filled with about twelve of Stillman’s cronies, who rowed it over to Dorchester Point.

"However, when we saw the Stillmanites, we were satisfied Jeffries had no hand in it. When we saw the boat land at Dorchester Point, we had a consultation, and Norwood, David, One Allen and myself, took chase and rode round to the Point, Spunker’s like, but the many obstacles we had to encounter made it eleven o’clock before we reached the Point, where we searched and searched, and could find it. We rode back to Brackett’s, on the Neck, and endeavored to get it to the Ship’s chaise, but failing, we backed about to the Punch Bowl, where, after long labors, we raised the house and got our desires gratified, and got home about four o’clock in the morning. Hadn’t much sleep, of course, so we are very lame and cross today. In the afternoon, we will have our clothing done by Wednesday. One Allen makes a figure, I assure you. We have a man from another place, so Church*** shan’t be disappointed. Write very soon.

"P.S. If you can understand me, I shall be much mistaken, but more pleased; half dead, your. By the way, we have since heard that Stillman’s gang rowed him back from the Point up to the town, and after laying him out in mode and figure, buried him—God knows where! Clark & Co. went to the Point to look for him, but were disappointed as well as we.

***The Life of John Collins Warren, M.D.

**Dr. Samuel Stillman, the First Baptist Church in the North End, Stillman Street was named after him.

"One of the company, with perfect coolness, stood on his head and shot in the air. The next night I found a man walking along, smoking.

"The enlightened legislation of Massachusetts has long sanctioned the practice of dissection, and provided means for supporting the needs of an anatomical instruction, which managed with decorum and privacy, done with perfection intended by the wise and humane law-givers, without doing wrong to those natural sensibilities which are always to be respected."