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These morning repasts were improving to me, they procured me the attention of the most distinguished men. I was his only pupil and he meant to prepare me to follow him in his practice, for the advantages I had under him few could attain in the road of their profession.

I attended the Lectures of John Hunter who was a Surgeon and distinguished from his brother by his first name, John indeed the name of John Hunter was more honorable than all the titles ever invented, to give him the Title of Doctor would sound in my ears like Dr Aristotle

All the time I was in London I had access to the finest gardens in the botanical world, but my mind was too rapid for a Botanist, I never traced a flower or a plant to its place in the Linean system I thought it not entitled to the name of science, the anatomy and physiology of a plant I could pursue with pleasure it included a knowledge of chemistry, earth, air, water, and light, this I could pursue as may be seen in my work on

Botany printed 1811. De Costa the Jew gave me a knowledge of minerals, and what I gained from him served me when I introduced that branch of science into America

On these subjects no lectures were given prior to those which I gave to Harvard College being the first to break ground on the subject of our subterranean treasures. I was more indebted to Dr Lettsom for specimens of mineralogy than to any other person, yet what invidious attempts have been made to deprive us of the credit of its first introduction.

Lg. C. S. are brought forward while the Pioneer is for the moment put out of sight, but it is not in the power of rivalship to bury a successful laborer in any useful and honorable department long, for when he is literally buried his resurrection is certain.

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At one of Fothergills attic morning repasts the news of Burgoynes capture was laid on the table, I remember the gloom on his countenance, yet the regret was not unmingled with pleasure at the thought that heaven

manifestly favored America, I could not veil my unqualified joy and I retired to give it vent. Fothergill dined at three, his table was simple and meal short, after Tea or Coffee the carriage was again at the door. as I attended the lectures of John Hunter he would put me down any where near the lecture room, I returned home at half past eight, always taking his hint to walk over the streets of London quick as possible. When evening commenced the memorandum book was laid on the table, the time between nine and eleven was occupied in answering letters. While this indefatigable man was laboring in his way, I at the same table was transcribing notes of lectures, he once said to me when leaving the room "go on Kinsman with your notes of what others think, but thou wilt never be a great man till thou hast forgotten them all — meaning — think for thyself.

While with him I arranged the code of the Friends Society, its articles had been accumulating, and new regulations made as occasion

required, from the time of George Fox or William Penn, so that the whole needed to be revised and reduced to system, it had long been desired, talked of and neglected. Fothergill found time to do it in part, it was a large volume and another revision was desired before it was reported for approbation. She asked me if I had the courage to undertake the task, he wished me to work on it only at my leisure and when it was pleasant to me. This stipulation showed consideration and rare wisdom in his intercourse with the young.

Fothergill exceeded most men in knowledge of the human heart and penetration into character, he saw, reflected and acted. It was his sagacity and goodness that made him so valuable as a statesman and estimable as a friend. In intervals of study I transcribed this Folio entitled "Order and Discipline of the Society of Friends" I was so delighted with the beauty of the system that I then and ever after considered that task one of the most profitable in my life. Cicero's Offices sunk below it. I page over

unimportant peculiarities and rest on the whole. A Society without President or Bishop no paid Officer carrying on their affairs without voting and with a spirit of forbearance and friendly agreement worthy of reverence. While transcribing this model system I contrasted it with the pompous language of some fraternities, its simplicity of style gave it an air of scriptural grandeur. Tropes, figures and metaphors sink language in the view and feelings of wise men. To call the Creator and Legislator of the universe, a Supreme Architect so far from conveying a sublime idea is a figure of bathos. an Architect considers, contrives, plans, measures, weighs, compares, hews, squares, and polishes, lays one stone on another stone, places and replaces, and after all his labor can make nothing equal to the Wasps nest or bees honey comb. all pompous phraseology respecting Deity only debases our fine ideal. Fothergill had graduated in at Leyden and he now proposed

my going there, not merely to be examined and take a diploma as most medical students do who visit Holland, but to pursue a regular course of study. When he saw that I was delighted with the idea he added and if you acquire a little Dutch phlegm it will be no disadvantage to you. Having had no intelligence from my friends for more than a year, I left a letter, when opportunity offered and went over to Holland. What a contrast to England! buildings and manners entirely different. Between Old England and New England over 3000 miles of ocean we found no difference except in the magnificence of Old England.

I remained a few days in the beautiful City of Rotterdam where fine houses, spires, trees and masts of vessels were mixed together forming singular features of Dutch taste and prospects. I went on thro' the City of Delft to Leyden the place of my declination. Beside letters to individuals Rothergill gave me a general letter, or Letter Patent to the

Profession written in Latin, which insured me a cordial reception.
The Lectures commenced about a fortnight after my arrival which allowed me time to visit Amsterdam about 12 miles by the Toesch Scuite or Drag boat. In Holland they count distance by hours and miles. I carried with me a certificate from the Westmenster Society of Friends which I presented to John Vanderwoff who was clerk to the four or five undertakers so denominated in Amsterdam. after a glance ~~of the city~~ I went back to Leyden, when this City threw off the yoke of Spain, as per reverance in resisting the Spanish Army was of such importance that the States General hardly knew how to reward them enough, and they had their choice to be exempt from taxes during 40 years or to have a University with peculiar privileges forever. They wisely chose the latter, and have already reaped the reward of their wisdom pupils are adults, between 21 or 30 years I was admitted, were much younger by the influence of Fothergill. the Lectures were delivered in Latin I knew that language pretty well, but I took a Tutor who was also a Medical man

and we read every day in Latin
medical books, thus with the lectures
and diligently reading the works of
Boerhave was enough. There spoke
Latin like the students of that University
I could also speak Dutch but neglected
learning to read it. Their way of learning
Latin is less laborious than in England
and America. The only drawback
on my quest in Leyden was the war
I knew not how much the misery
of it was felt by my family, but
a firm belief that every thing was
directed by Jehovah taught me
not to indulge in unavailing anxiety.
The Dutch were generally well wishers
to our cause, they rejoiced for our
victories and mourned our disasters
they thought our cause resembled
their own when oppressed by
Spain. My being an American and
patronised by Fothergill gave me
rank and more than ordinary attention.

and companions

The Dutch are a thinking people. They are partial to the English and do not like Americans half for being descendants from them. A few days after my graduation I was desired to write my name in the matriculation book. I wrote Liberal Republican. Americans Friends the authorities of the University did not know what to do with it. America was not acknowledged as an independent nation. Mr Adams was there as a private gentleman. England and Holland were at peace. There was a strong party in favor of Americans in Amsterdam and one or two of the States, but there was a strong English party at the Hague and elsewhere, and every thing said or done in Leyden was known at the Hague, there being only a mile distance between them.

The Rector Magnificus and Dean of the Faculty directed that Americanus should be added to my name but the most conspicuous of the English party declared that I ought to be made to erase the words of the free republic of the United States of America. In the midst of this bicker I slipped off to Paris with Rev Thomas Hall Chaplain of the Scotch Factory at Leghorn, after a delightful journey stopping at various places of note, we reached Paris, there I first met my countryman Dr Franklin. How different does wisdom appear in the shape of Samual Johnson and Benjamin Franklin

I showed Franklin my inaugural address before I presented it to Dr Fothergill which he commended in strong terms and said, instead of using high sounding epithets of super superfluous so common in Latin dedications you have said simply and elegantly and truly So a man very learned wise and pious. I were the bearer of an elaborate letter from Fothergill

to Franklin, which I was allowed to read before it was sealed. Their general inefficiency ~~and disgraceful~~ anti christian spirit. it was a sensible production of a wise and benevolent Quaker to a great politition and man of the world. It was a sketch of a plan to abolish wars by an association of the most powerful Monarchs in a sort of Congress to discuss the merits of the quarrel and determine where the injustice lay, to compromise matters, and end the dispute without bloodshed, but if a thing or people continued aggressors, then, by united power to compel the offender to remain at peace. On the same plan ~~of this~~ as the one since adopted and called the holy alliance. Franklin remarked that the ~~scheme~~ was such as the world might expect from such a man as Fothergill, just and humane but impracticable, he judges mankind by his own good heart, did he know them as I do he would not expect any thing just and good from their abstract ideas of honor

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and honesty. No, people and nations will go on fighting as they always have done, and always will do, while they are moved by the passions whence comes wars and fightings. Afterward in Leyden when I told John Adams Fothergills plan. No said he Fothergills good principles have led him astray it is natural for men to fight, all animals fight, two lambs will fight two Doves will fight, we all know that Cats and Dogs will fight, two men will fight two women well fight, it is a law of nature to repel violence which is only another name for fighting.

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Before I left Paris about June 1780 news arrived of a general insurrection in England, the people were against government, fires were blazing in various parts of the city, it actually excited consternation in Paris, Kings have sympathy with each other and so have capital cities

Having seen Paris I set off for London intending to make a leisurely journey judging from what I heard that quiet would

soon be restored, I however found troops quartered in every town, the approach and entrance to the City looked as if lately besieged or in expectation of an attack James Parky was enclosed and fortified Soldiers occupied St Pauls church and the royal exchange one regiment in the garden of the Scotch museum and also in the foundling hospital, marks of destruction fires were visible, the mansion of Lord Mansfield near Tottenville was a heap of ruins. This riot exceeded all the riots in America during the Revolutionary War, The Americans destroyed the Offices and dwellings of Stamp Act officers, yet their mobs were conducted with consideration, but in London the mob were destroying their own native City, their principle motive being plunder. When the Scotsmen destroyed Governor Hutchinson's house, they demolished the furniture, not taking any thing away for their own use. When they destroyed the Tea no man carried any away for his own use himself. American Mobs had for their object certain ends corresponding with their known principles.

Before I left Middlebrand I saw mobs that were conducted with the order of drilled soldiers lives were spared, property was destroyed but never stole and it is to the honor of Boston and all the New England Colonies that during the war with Britain not one life was taken by the executioner for religious or political opinion, a few were tarred and feathered and some driven out of the Country but none suffered death. When the British troops were provoked to fire on a collection of boys and men of different colors on King Street they were tried by a Boston jury, and acquitted by a verdict of justifiable homicide by the influence of John Adams.

My return to Fathergill was like the return of a long absent son to a father, we were both nearly speechless, he approved my conduct while abroad and said that my expences were less than he expected my inaugural dissertation was approved and the dedication pleased him.

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She now introduced me to men of eminence as a Physician, it was thought be others beside myself that could I have overcome my inclination of returning to America that he would have left his business to me, but no one could fill his place in the opinion of those whose opinion weighed most. As I otherwise attachment to me increased so did the distance between me and his nearer relations — I now solemnly declare when between 60 and 70 years old that I know not by personal feeling what envy is, I always regarded for others good and never wished them evil. When I review my past life I may have been more resentful and unforgiving than consistent with Christianity I have despised those I ought only to have pitied, but as I grow older I hope to grow better. I now passed my time very pleasantly in London. While the Society of Friends continued to discountenance light and frivolous amusement, I regarded to find them disposed to cultivate science

and letters, they once devided all human learning except reading writing and arithmatic, but such narrow notions were not fostered by classical Fothergill and his brother Samuel then a Preacher Though we may not expect Painters and Sculptors or musicians among this serious people I see no reason why they should not be Orators and Poets as none have more sublimity of feeling and warmth of affection. Fothergill now proposed my riding about the environs of London with him and his sister. When we entered Stratford on the river Avon I felt my heart leap at the very name, Fothergill knew my love of Shakspear and surprised me by stopping at the Shakspear Hotel, he asked the landlord if he could accomodate him and his sister for the night, but as for this young man, this wild American you need make no preparation for him, for he would be out all night if he was sure to meet the ghost of Shakspear. I was then on the ground once trod by that inimitable secretary of nature, I was not out of my wits but too deeply embued with a wild poetical

spent to sleep, I was not elated but silent, in a state of mind bordering on dejection. We then went to Oxford which exceeded my expectations, the assemblage of Colleges appeared like palaces, if the English are not the most learned people in the world it is their own fault for they have the means of being so, some think the Navy, others the river Thames, I think Oxford and Cambridge the glory of Old England nations fairest product being the human mind force and riches are no permanent source of greatness, force destroys itself riches are unstable as the waves but the mind is eternal. While Fothergill was patiently waiting at the hotel I was looking around After three months riding about the environs of London we were again in Glasgow Street We then went to Windsor Castle the King at that time residing there, not in the Castle but near it, he with his family walked to the Chapel every morning. I went with the Clergyman and saw him there during the service and after a gratification to an American in the history of whose country George the third made

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so conspicuous a figure. I then went to Birmingham called the Beehive or workshop of England, with all these pleasant privileges I ~~yet hankered after America~~ and every thing that heart could wish I yet hankered after America. In some parts of it we lie under the odium of keeping slaves whose labor supports luxury, but the English are as culpable in keeping up the odious traffic, both nations will sooner or later be punished for their wickedness, for nations like individuals never escape the consequences of wrong doing. I now began preparing to go to Leyden again to wait there some opportunity of returning to America.

Fothergill said to me, "Go home if it your desire to go, for it is not mine, go and consult your parents and if you have their permission come to me again, for you had better be here than in a conquered country where you will be subjected to insult and suffer all that vindictive rage will inflict, you will be singled out as an object of persecution, and considered too much of a foreigner to be welcome to any profitable place in your own country*, we both however felt it to be a duty that I should go to my parents, and it was with inexpressible regret that I left my more than Father.

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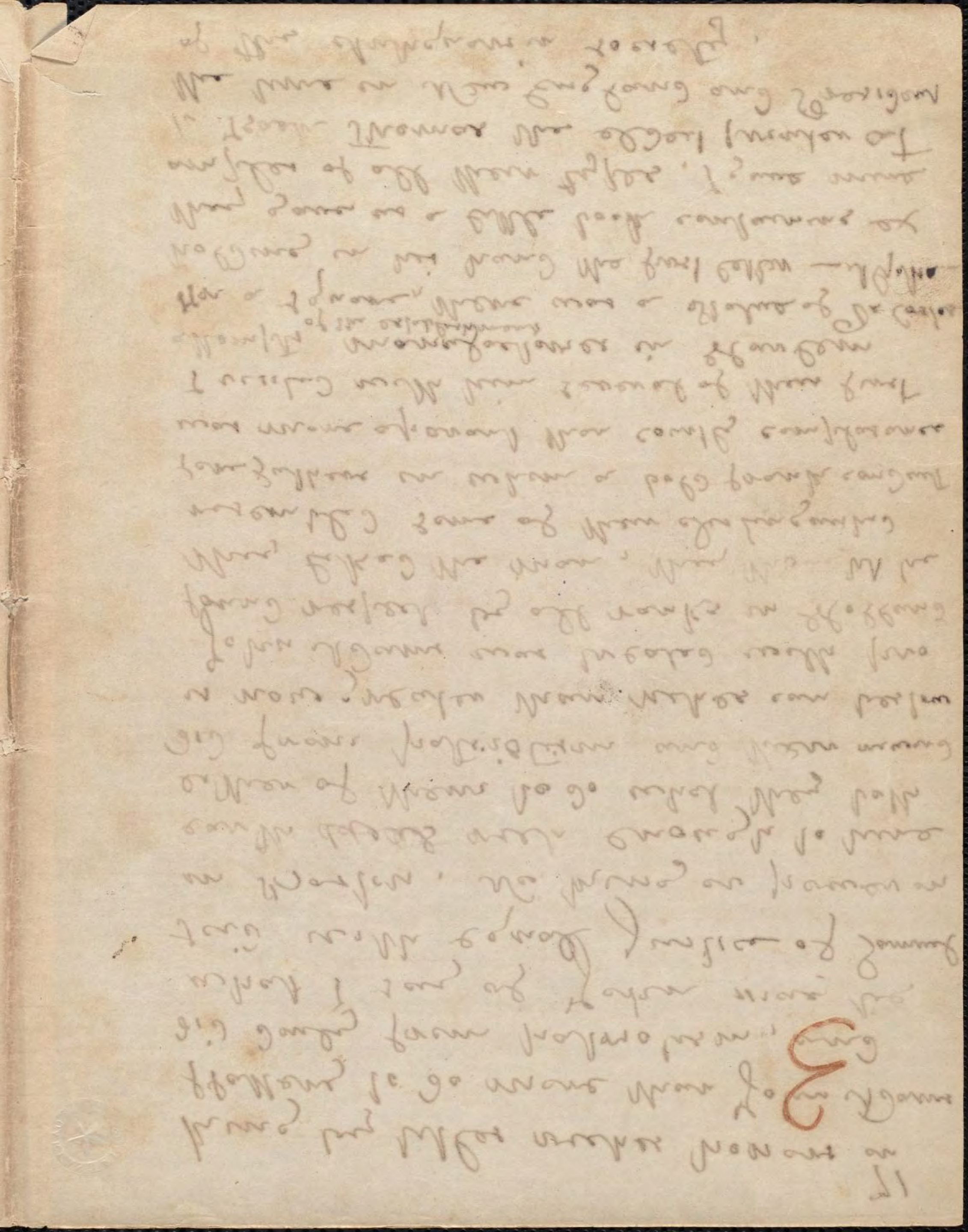
King by titles which honors or flattery to do more than John Adams did daily from patriotism, and what I say of John may be said with equall justice of Samuel in Boston. No King or prince on earth ~~deserves~~ rich enough to hire either of them to do what they both did from patriotism and their reward is now greater than riches can bestow John Adams was treated with pro found respect by all ranks in Holland they liked the man, they thought he resembled some of their distinguished fellowmen in whom a bold frank conduct was more apparant than courtly complasence I visited with him several of their ~~first attempts~~ manufactories in Haarlem of the establishment for a square, there was a Statue of Da Costes holding in his hand the first letter — Alpha — they gave us a little book containing ex amples of all their types. I gave mine to Isaah Thomas the eldest printer at the time in New England and President of the Antiquarian society.



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Among their manufactories was the weaving and dyeing of Printing the material of which Flags are made. When on my passage home we hoisted an English ensign to decoy an English vessel but she would not come near us we chased and captured her, when the Captain was asked why he did not come when we hoisted English Colours, he said that true English ensign was not so deep a red as the one we hoisted — which was made in Holland — he said the same of the Blue, and that he had cruised long enough to know the difference. The more I saw of Holland the more I wished our young people would visit it.

It was a country which seemed intended by nature for an Oyster bed, now made by art the most convenient dwelling place in the world, filled with elegant cities, wealthy merchants and wise men. This little union of Republics is renowned for Arts, Arms, and Learning, they do not exhibit that waste of talent observable in Italy. In Sculpture and Painting they exhibit their own scenery with great exactness.

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Among their manufactures are the
weaving and dyeing of bunting the
material of which flags are made.
When on my passage home we hove
to an English ensign to decoy an English
vessel but she would not come near us
we chased and captured her, when the
captain was asked why he did not come
when we hoisted English colours, he said
the true English ensign was not so deep
a red as the one we hoisted – which
was made in Holland – he said the same
of the brick, and that he had cruised
long enough to know the difference
the colours of Holland the more

What a strange letter?

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In Holland we were objects of attention it was observed that we did not run to Theatres and other places of amusement but occupied ourselves in literary matters, we attended constantly public worship and when we made excursions it was to celebrated places to see what was memorable, and I have reason to believe that the family of which John Adams was the head and I only a member, left a good impression on the minds of the people in Holland and particularly on the large refined society of Leyden. At that time there was war between England and Holland. When the great battle on the Dogger Bank was fought, there seemed many who wished success to England the English this though a drawn battle was really a victory to the Dutch, the world saw by this battle that their spirit had not entirely evaporated. I was at the Texel when the Dutch fleet came slowly in very much damaged, had their ships been ~~as~~ well

required as the English they would have attained as complete a victory. It was remarked that the Dutch fired much slower than the English at the beginning of the battle but ~~slower~~ faster toward the close. It took that time to get their hands in and to warm their blood to the true Van Trump heat of valor. A space of 70 years had made a naval action an untried experiment to the Hollanders, but historical recollections supplied the place of experience. Swiss soldiers and cavalry were now in Leyden in the pay of Holland, we became acquainted with several Swiss Officers who all spoke English. In their regimental libraries were the best English authors, and we soon found they were partial to us. I knew that John Adams had been preparing a memorial to the States general for a treaty with us as independent states, he was intreated not to do ~~so~~ but he was determind to make the attempt. One morning he came into my room with a flushed countenance

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and swollen eyes and energetic tone that a stranger would have taken for signs of anger — "Bear in mind this day" — said he — for it will be a memorable one in the history of your country, and in England, and on Russia also. This day seed will be put into the ground and grow up to something greater than the world has any idea of, remember this day and write it down, and when he was old I did write it down.

While he was speaking his carriage came to the door, and he stepped into it with the air of a hero. She went against the strongest expostulations, but he was successful, and it is probable that his success was owing to his ~~fraternate~~ ardent and strait forward conduct. Heaven endows great men destined to effect important ends with passion and mass more suitable to their mission.

During the summer of 1791 I was ready to embark in the Frigate than slowly preparing for sea

and a wallow deep as and among the
Tree Mirth & Happiness would House
Within for signs of anger or "Heaven
raining Mine Gates" — and he — for it will
be remembered was matter History of
your country, and in England, and in Ireland
also. Their Gods said will be hurt into the
ground and grow up to something you, to
Man the world has ever idea of women
the their Gods would it down, and when
he was 40 & did write it down.
Million have strength their country
come to the down and he stepped into
it with the air of a hero, the went
against the Government exploitations that
he was treasonable and it is noticed that
his trial was answers to his [illegible]
and that Forward and Great Showers
and Great man determined to effect
and Great man with religion and man
unfaithful to their Religion.

Dublin, the from over of 1798 I was
ready to embark in Irish
then Long Parliament for Ireland

In this state of expectation ~~being an enter~~ ~~nephew to study~~ I made short excursions. The more I saw of Belgium the more I admired the industry of its former inhabitants, there as every where else in Europe among the lower classes, it was thought that the Americans were an uncivilised race fit for nothing but to make Sugar and Molasses.

When the English attacked St Eustatia the Dutch were enraged some against the English and some against the Americans as the remote cause, but finally the capture of St Eustatia and the brave fought battles in the Dogger Bank operated much in favor of the Americans, these two events turned the tide which soon ran strong in our favor.

The merits of the most distinguished patriots in the Revolution were great and various, the generous Hancock devoted a large fortune to his Country while Samuel Adams devoted all his mind to it, and John Adams left his beloved family crossed the Atlantic twice, travelled over land from a Southern part of Spain to Holland and there with

unwearied diligence amid dangers difficulties embarrassments and deprivations did at length by the force of his mind and weight of his character effectuate the great object of his mission. Thro him Holland acknowledged our independence and received him as minister plenipotentiary from the United States of America. This was a grateful reward for his extraordinary services and his gratification must have been complete when afterward he was sent to the court of London graciously received and welcomed by George the third the King he had so long opposed ~~during half a century~~ successfully.

Great were the labors of Washington Franklin and John Adams and they have not served an ungrateful public. They and the people have done them selves reciprocal honor ~~honor~~. hereafter ~~nevertheless~~ it shall be said Republics are ungrateful Samuel Adams the great file leader of the Revolution in Massachusetts

will also receive his reward when justice shall guide the pen of history.

While waiting in Leyden for the equipment of the Frigate in which I was to return to America I received information of Fotheringills short illness and death, my patron, my friend, my more than father his name was a passport for me, there was no further inquiry of "Who is he? Where did he come from?" the shock was heavy but coming from almighty power it was borne with resignation.

The Frigate was now ready with her crew near six hundred men and her heavy metal guns the wind was long unfavorable but a passing vessel cheered us with the news that Lord Cornwallis had surrendered to General Washington which was received with loud shouts and music from the band

I was the only passenger with nothing to do but gaze at the heavens and the ocean, its waves after waves chasing each other like generations of men separating nations that if united would be involved in war, circulating arts, and

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giving health and plenty to mankind
Ocean then mighty Ocean is it thy surface
only we can view? we see thy billows
mix with the clouds, but who can penetrate thy inmost caverns?
A reflecting man may travel 20 years on land and not learn so much as one year at sea. On land he sees objects that strike the eye only and pass away but on the Ocean thinking faculties are aroused and improved.
When near the Bahama Islands we saw Dolphins swimming in pairs along side the ship a beautiful sight which sailors only can enjoy, for no painting can give a just idea of the Dolphins colours
We had been tossed about by winds and chased by enemies — privateering — and the chances of war were such that we knew not where to go. The nearest Port was Havana and there we went and was embargoed two months Cuba is a fine Island which intelligence might make equal to any in the world but to be driven half round the

Globe and then put down in such a place as it then was seemed too much for common patience. I never was so bowed down in spirit but I was young gaining experience, and knowledge which I could have had no other way and which may be used for the benefit of others.

While there I had some professional employment, one patient died and the heretic Dr was blamed, another whose life I saved the life ~~of another and~~ Santa Marie had all the credit

There was one vessel permited to go before the embargo was taken off, I was offered a passage but rather than risk being chased about any more I remained 6 weeks longer at length all the embargoed vessels were released, and after being captured once more and carried to N.Y. I reached Rhodeisland.

I went to Europe in the last ship permitted to go out of Boston Harbor and returned forward the close of the War. my native place Newport was dilapidated, former acquaintance married and gone elsewhere but my Parents well and I was at home. In this home I passed one year in full medical practice and I might have passed my life in Newport and become wealthy. but wealth

my desire was to be useful to my fellow creatures and opportunities have been bountifully thrown in my way to gratify that desire

but wealth was not my object.

While in the practice of my profession there, I had letters from several members of the Corporation of Harvard University within offer of the Professorship of Theory and Practice of Physic. ~~I hesitated~~ I hesitated long but was finally influenced by my friend and patron Governor Hancock to accept it and I remained professor in that department 30 years, and there while discharging professional duties I promoted a taste for natural history, composed ~~and delivered~~ a course of lectures on the subject, first delivered in Providence R.I. then in Boston afterward so in Cambridge and elsewhere.

When I relinquished the Professorship the President of the United States gave me the

place of Marine Hospital Surgeon in Charlestown which I accepted on condition of not being seperated from my family as occasion might seem to demand.

When Jenners discovery of Communicating the Kine Pock from one individual to another, I was so impressed with its importance to the world that I gave up my medical practice entirely and devoted myself to the diffusion of Vaccination — I was at that time in embarassed circumstances, and there was a resolve in the General Court on the subject but never acted upon — I believe, however, disputed its march thro a host of enemies till I attained a Triumph so complete that it is now rare to meet an American with marks of small Pox on his face. but it is well enough to remind the public of a concealed Enemy Benefits are valuable ~~according~~ according to their duration and extent, like the showers from heaven, but the benign remedy Vaccination saves millions of lives every century. like the blessing of the Sun, universal and everlasting.

I look back on that portion of my life spent for the benefit of my fellow mortals, with great satisfaction some things designed failed, this has forced on my mind the doctrine of Fatality, I have worked like some animals blindly, yet have my deeds operated to a good end almost all of them for the public good, agents over which I had no control operated nearly always to me, credit and advantage and general benefit. not only men but women conspired to favor me, and this blessing commenced with the best and wisest of Mothers, she balanced the little Barque wisely, the sails to the and rigging seemed to operate intuitively, and with gratitude inexpressible I acknowledge those prosperous gales, thro my voyage of life, without property I have been rich, and on the uncertain vacillating Bridge of matrimony

twice crossed my luck has been admirable, I never hankered after political rank, and never laid a scheme for money, all within me was the public good, honest reputation, but no inordinate thirst for glory, yet I have had my full share of it, and am satisfied.

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satisfied.

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