Phillips Academy June 18th 1813.

Dear Sister

I received you letter of Wed. night by the Saturdays stage. Your letter began "I was never more surprised than Yesterday wh mama told me of your conduct last term" by the expression conduct you would either mean to be understood the perpetration of some flagrant deed or the omission of some duty In both senses of the word I can conscienciously disclaim as belonging to me nor will I grant that my conduct has been so reprehensible as you have led to suppose & as Mr Adams has tried to make it. Ever since I came to this school or ever since he has been here he has not manifested a friendly disposition towards me in school A man may act like a hypocrite & decieve another but it is an impossibility for him to do it where I have a chance of seeing him every day I will still maintain he has not acted by any means a friendly part & I will not be beaten out of it. Term before last near the end in sleighing 2 or 3 of us went out for a sleigh ride it being very cold we stoped at a tavern to warm ourselves & called for a mug of Flip & a mug of Flip among 3 it is not enough to wet our mouths. Mr A. heard of it as he generally does all of us called out of school to give an account of the mug of Flip when my turn came he began by saying "this is the 1st time Mr I have ever had anything

against you your moral conduct has been generally good
as you may suppose it was made the worst of This was the 1st time
I ever was spoken to by him for a misdermeanour or by Mr Shaw
(by him I never was) If by omission you mean want of application
there has been some want whether the blame belongs exclusively
to me you shall judge — Ever since this (the above mentioned)
he has shown more than ever a hostile disposition. As a Friend
would he not have reproved me & when he saw a reformation
thought no more about it as he promised? no! he must after
this go tell all Andover of it & make it 10 times as bad as it really was —
& after having got hold of this he could make a pretence ~~of it~~ for
yet harbour revenge & all other hellish principles that ever entered
the abodes of Pluto — he has as has been observed not by myself alone
pitched hard verses hard & critical questions for me hard words what can be more discouraging
than this? no person can pass on here without something to cheer
his dark & beclouded path never have I recieved the least encouragement
from him & it has come to this that I do not have a pleasant
look from him. Under such circumstances what can be done?
He to be sure conferred on me a part last exhibition no thanks
are due to him & had I known circumstances to have been as I do
now I would have seen the Exhib. in Indian before I would have
accepted it It was by Mr Shaws means I was so honored
Latham whom you have seen was one of ours he thought
it to much to bear & asked a dismission Mr R. would not grant

it & hung on & he is here yet & is treated pretty well the other was a charity scholar he has found Latham will not bear such ill treatment the other being a charity scholar not so much of it was thought of I have to bear all: what we were called up for was drinking the Flip alone!! The propriety of the ride was not called in question nor the impropriety.

You mentioned John's application &c. as worthy for an example: it is truely so, John when here had a different man to deal with a man that was as much prejudiced in his favour as Mr R. is againt me Mr. Newman & Mr Adams are men of as different make as can be found in Mass. He had not a man for an instructor who on account of so small a thing would find all the fault he could I will still contend that I have [redacted] you had better know that I think & know so the [redacted] I had rather enlist as a souldier in U.S. army than [redacted] 3 months as the last 3 were I should feel happier in the cells of the State Prison. This is my sincere belief.

That you may know how I recieved his admonition rather [illegible] I have not tasted but once of anything of the kind which was at home this vacation. I thought at the time that his observations were friendly only he made too much of it his conduct has not been since as might be expected. I dont believe but what John more than once while here did the same All this has arisen from this one thing Mr R. at the time told me he did not wish to hurt my reputation knowing I had a good report among Dr Bacon would therefore say no more about it But has since told the Dr after his own likeing - Such Friendship as to lie

for my comprehension. If this is called Friendship I desire not the knowledge of her ways. If my days are to be spent thus I desire they may be but short no matter how soon they are numbered & spent. Life under such circumstances can be but considered as the greatest of all curses. Words would fail me in attempting to show how unhappily I have

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lived for 3 months that are past. You can not tell, if you ask why? turn to the 2d page you may call all this foolish & nonsense; "it is not a Turkish dream". Under such circumstances you can judge how much I was to blame I confess I am some but the fault being exclusively mine is not the case. I have done & have said all I can at present. Therefore accept this as a mark of affection from your loter B Waterhouse

Edisto S. C., April 14th 1848.

Dear Sister

Yours of the 13th came to hand the same time with one from Hundred and Father of the 26th which were received April 11th. I was much at a loss to know the reason for your omitting to write so long. Last week I sent you two barrels rather the half of two of sweet potatoes they went to town and Mr Perkins is to ship them in the Cassa they are fine indeed. I wrote also to Mr Thane or I should say attempted it for I began and got fast asleep before I got thro he may see in it a good intention and I fear that will be all for I defy anybody to write on one of the dis plantations, all is above now (with the exception of the death of Dr McKean & Mrs. McLeod informed me of it at Church yesterday Dr McLeod) You ask whether Miss McLeod wears well & whether she is hearty fanting or hasty. I can't tell which she is in the city dashing and seeing all the young bucks mad she goes coach and four and I assure you few of the blazing meteors of the south can shine brighter than she and Lou

P. S. Mrs McLeod is in the country, the cars are under repair that will be a disadvantage to her

a more pleasy train. I am often at the parsonage and have spent many nights there as for the Dr I do not know his equal. I have answered P. Haines last letter and shall write again it is strange but so it is after I came from the city I answered his by Mr Coates which was a duplicate of one I never received What is the use of my writing to Andrew to tell him schools are not cheap in this country he must know that I can not help him as I am not able to help myself as I am on the water for a change and the one I have is no object to anyone. The sch he speaks of in Darien and the Church if filled by the Revd Mr Bell who preached here last summer and as to vaccination I have done my all: was it not enough for me to have staid in town at great expense for two weeks and waited on the Drs to no purpose if anything more is wanted father must write to Dr Henry C. Glover as I can do no more. Miles head and thoughts must be employed with the fair of Wednesday which he talked so much of. Hear nothing from him save that he is tumbling somersets heals over head and making a bluff wool horse tails my stock has increased for my mare was yesterday made the happy dam of a fine colt!! Mrs. Mrs Andrews

family tomorrow go off to John's Island thence to town and stay all the week and I am left alone I run all over the Island when they are gone go off to Mr Edings's (who has one or two gay Carts for daughters) Mr Mikells and the Parsonage You will see John in his journal mentions Miss Eliza a fine girl She is one peg below Miss McL. she does not walk on a hundred feet nor look an hundred times handsomer she has no hundred negroes! no hundred 1000 dollars! You say you are sorry! laughed at the apples it was not to everyone laughed at me and I was right vexed I wish you had them! I gave a barrel to Mr Edings he seemed to hesitate whether or no to take them altho his cart was here I am sorry I can do no more than answer Mr H. letter I feel more than mortified if possible on looking over Nancys letter I find nothing to answer no reddities to make as to writing to Miss Gleason I wished to have done it long since and have once made a vain attempt she knows me too well think that I can forget her this I have been remiss in expressing the esteem & regard for her in all of your letters you give me her love and are silent as to her health and general welfare be assured her happiness and prosperity and mine will always affected by the same vicissitudes of good or bad fortune nor do Grandmother for a moment think I love or regard her this tho I always write in a hurry

Mrs Elizabeth Williams
care of Rev Williams &
Boston Mass

Mrs Williams' letter written on
Friday Sept 23 and received
on Thursday Sept 29 (the
same day) The hard yellow
fever is raging

Mrs Williams
of Charles Town
Sept 23
Mr Rev Williams
care of Rev Williams
Boston Mass
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Mrs Williams left a memorandum of her address with Mr. Rev. Williams
Mr Rev. Williams transmitted the same to Mr. Rev. Cooper
and to all Mrs Williams relations & friends interested
The 8 22 a fever indeed!

Edisto Island June 19th 1818.

Dear Sisters Yours of the 16th of May is before me it arrived on the Island more than a fortnight ago but by the most unpardonable neglect was not handed to me untill day before Yesterday. I learn with pleasure by it that the Potatoes arrived safe and sound and with regret the bad state of health of Mr. W. You speak of the roasted potatoe being preferable to the baked I told you that after you had once got them you would spoil them You never suffered them to be done well or you would not have said that. Summer has come again and it has been and is excessively hot and dry. Thermom from 85 to 95 I have finished my school on the Island and next Thursday commence on the bay. We have had no rain for near two months or none of consequence and every prospect of a healthy season Cotton is very backward I rode thro the field as I came from school this evening and saw none more than nine or ten inches high some not two as I was riding thro the pine-barren I passed over the track of a rattle snake that I am confident was broader than half the length of this paper. There has been killed on this Island one who had twenty-seven rattles that measured more than the length of this paper (in diameter) this is a monster the one whose track I saw was not uncommon = They laugh much at me for *killing* a *dead* one Some one had killed him and left it in the path and I got on to it before I saw it and in great trepidation struck

I shall take it as a favour if Mr W. will write not in joint letters but long epistles I am a poor hand at letter writing all of them are but scattered fragments of broken thought ideas crowding one on another struggling for vent and impeding each others egress Assure him of this as well as the high esteem of Your Affec Brother

B. W.

when I was a child neck if I ever forg me
several blows before I found out my mistake The glass
snake is a wonder in nature strike and it breaks like
glass vipers, mogasons, & rattle snakes are numerous
their bite the most deadly poison the coach whip is
found here but no one ever cut a man in two as
Dr Thorse says. I have had my reasons for not letting
you into the secret of my prospects: my expectations
have not been realized Mr L. flattered me with the
hope of getting 1500 $ I have not had half of it You are
not to think it has in the least been my fault far from
it my attention and industry have been comended
the reason is this there have been four schools here kept
by poor devils for 300 a year this what has put me
back I have had the most scholars last summer
double and this triple any the rest not one of mine
have left me but I have recieved many of those
from the others I shall not have but 800 $ neat fall
with which I move off to better if possible my situation
it can be no worse I have spent only $ 20 from the
proceeds and thirty more for linnen to make shirts as
those nasty rotten India cotton ones have broke all to
pieces this I have to buy & send for a whole peice by
this boat Dont fear for me I am turned to be a sort
of a straight forward character I mean neat nobs
to move straight on end. I have found by experience
that among strangers I can make friends and retain
them and that I can depend on myself to paddle and
steer my own boat Dr The Lord has been the means
of keeping me here he has been my friend indeed he
said stay perhaps something may turn up but now
says go but move cautiously - The Dr and Miss Sarah
have gone to the north the evening before they went off
I went to stay all night at the parsonage to bed then
a pleasant voyage and safe return He is too good a man

Please write long letter
Sis needs

you may see him as he may visit Boston and has promised
me if he does to call on you I told him his name would be
sufficient introduction to every attention you could pay
him. ?? You will see a man who was very attentive to
you poor brother and whos attention to me has been such
as I could not expect from any man a profound European
scholar a man of the most general information I ever
saw He says "Come Sir to the parsonage at any time and
all times we have a bed for you and shall be happy
to see you come Sir after school &c" this has been repeated
to me I may say a hundred times in the most pressing
manner possible as to induce me to believe it is the lan-
guage of the heart I have improved it I have been a
constant visitor there He sit up till 11 & 12 o clock talking
as familiar as class mates He has given me free access to
his Library in his abscence - I had a particular invitation
from Mr Edings to go to his house to night I have often
mentioned him as my friend I could not go it is seven
miles off He has three fine daughters very ni
Money is of sovereign power open the soul lik
"it adds a lustre to the accomplisments of
possessor and like charity covers a multitude of faults
I will here leave this for it lacks past eleven Friday
night Wind whistling from N.E. Cloudy appearance
of rain ═ Saturday night - To day we all went out
hunting deer on Mr E Bayard's plantation we started
one he passed us and we had to push for other stands
I run my horse full speed over hedges and ditches thro
woods and over every thing else near two miles got
ahead of the deer but he turned from me and got off
clear it is fine sport. The manner in which we have to
push thro the woods would astonish you = the Misses
Edings spent the day here It has been very cold to day
such a day never known the 30 of June Thermon 64 this
morning what a change from 96 to 64! It makes the
plantations look green = Dr Chisolm goes to the bay this
fall Do Night spell night Messrs Chisolm & Taylor
not Cristolm Wind! I am weary with my fatigue this
day and to bed must bid you Night

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Mrs E. W. Ware
Boston

Mrs Elizabeth H. Ware
Care of Revd H. Ware
Boston, Mass.

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Edings Bay 24th Wed. safe here
left Nashville Yesterday

Charleston Nov^br 23^d 1818.

Dear Sisters

I came to town day before yesterday and bade farewell forever to Edisto Send no more of your letters to Messrs Chisolm & Taylor but to me in Charleston I am going southward in a few days I had a letter from you both a few weeks ago but settling my affairs on Edisto prevented my answering it as well as one from Cambridge - I have been well I am better than I was 3 or 4 months in fact I do not know in what I am worse than I ever was you talk softly about cough I do not know as I have coughed six times this six months I have run about a great deal, hunted often, and I take the lead of all about three weeks ago I killed three deer at one shot they were all three grown deer such a shot they all say was never made before on Edisto I have neglected writing strangely of late I have been constantly on the go - I called on Mr Maxwell & Perkins John Read has been sick very sick but is about again I expect Dr Whitridge every moment this is only an apology for a letter I think that I must write or otherwise you would think strange write to me here the letters will follow me if I go away

Yours &c Thatcher

Mad^d St Norman & Jones

Mrs Elizabeth W. Ware
Boston Mass

Savannah. Geo. Jany. 6th 1819

Dear Sisters

Your letter of the 12 and 17th came to hand this morning forwarded from Charleston to this city my last dated from Savannah you will have received before this by it you will learn that I had as many wonderments about not hearing as you have had. Some of my letters have not been received by you one to Mr Ff. you have not acknowledged. I regret very much that you should have been subject to so much anxiety needlessly on my account. I sent a paper containing notice of my arrival to Daniel – I have put off writing merely to let you know if possible what I was going to do I have an offer in the family of Col. J. M. Maxwell 28 miles from this place where I mean to pursue the study of Law you are troubled for little things I wish that you may always rejoice in my prosperity – but that my misfortunes may be hid from you – But my health seems to be the principal cause of concern by my last you learn that I now weigh more than I ever did I am all I could wish to be on that point

say this because I have been unfortunate by any means –

that can recover untill you hear something worse
think no more of that I am pleased with myself
that is enough - All my concern at present is that
I get into the country and have a chance to study
I have accepted the offer and only want to hear from
Col. N. - Lt Wood of Howard-Hath Bps is in this place
I sat in the same pew at Church and eyed him
close & he did me but was not so certain as to think myself
authorised to speak next Sabbath the same untill
after Church he came and spoke to me He is Capt-
of a Brig I have dined twice with him - The same
happened with respect to Miss C. Howard I passed her
in the street did not certainly know her that till Mrs
Morrison told me she was here - Jos. Hill is here
Joe Hill's son the tailor - I mean to send this as soon as
I hear about what I shall do for a certainty
still let me alone (don't worry) as it seems that I ought to say
more concerning my health this much I will tell you
that I never was better in my life & if I thought
it worth-while I would send you my portrait to
convince you of it - This I meant to have done before
and promise to do it as soon as a good opportunity occurs
Do you know that Mr Burnes is in New Orleans - So B Mac-
well tells me - Mr. Winthrop is here very low indeed he
will never see Boston again I fear I call often to see him
or rather to see John but have not seen him all that
I know is what I hear from his friends - John still has hopes of him

I mean to write to Cambridge as soon as I get fixed as well as to you at more length - I dined with Morrison Christmas Day and spent a agreeable time heard Dr Kollock Miles ought to write it is not right for him to neglect it, that style Mr Mane is married to whom? J Lincon I suppose (you dont mention) I am sorry for Mr Caper - Dont talk to me about loving little nasty, squalling brats as the one you described (truly a beautiful child) Oh, Lord! I told you in one of my letters that I thought of sending this dear little delectable boy an alligator I tell you what I dont want to see him, at all, at all, I have no cough at all - What says Mary have you been doing at Edis to that has kept your motion? What does that mean? cant spell it out of course I cannot answer it - Write as often as you please more the better this letter is the only one I have had I dont know when One thing I ask Dont Uncle Ben one an[illegible] no, no!? Remember me to all Grandmother Miss Eleanor Mr Caper Mr Mane and to all remembrance worthy you do not mention when my last was - P.S. Jan 6th at eve received of What date? Direct your letters to one in Savannah I dont know why you sent the last to Norman & Jones I forgot to tell you how hard Dr McLeod tried to persuade me to study Divinity it is a fact he did and said all he could and I will tell you more of it hereafter. Shall I say any more on account of my health? John Winthrop tells me I am not as tall as I was I am certain I never was heavier Think I to myself you would thought me in a bad way to see me eating baked beans & pork with Capt. Wood yesterday All that ails me is that I eat [illegible] Can I eat if was sick? ha! no such thing Dont tell me I cough I have had none I might have had a cold but I know not if I mentioned it but I sneeze sometimes!? that dont alarm me? You shall hear from me in a week from - God bless you

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Mrs Elizabeth W. Ware

Boston Mass

St. Mary's, Geo. Jany. 19th 1819.

Dear Sister

You will be surprised at hearing from me in this place I came here from Savannah last Wednesday and this day have formally engaged with the trustees of the Camden Academy to take charge of that institution to this place you must direct all your letters there is a post-Office here & glad that I am in a place where I can hear from you in a shorter time than if I was on Edisto I have been on Amelia Island and an engage to go to Cumberland Island & visit the U.S. Brig Lyne tomorrow Charles Dana son of Judge D. is to come up for us, Dr Bell and myself Morrison gave me letters to several people here I dined yesterday with Judge Gibson in company with Maj Gen. Floyd Mr Clark (Lawyer) with whom I mean to study) & Dr Bell. Commodore Shaw Capt Porter & Morris board here (living is cheap) you will see that I am as far south as I well can get from you be thankfull that I did not go to New Orleans I was within one of it. this is a healthy place & the greatest difference to be

imagined between Savannah & this place this second to no place but Augustine in point of health – I am well in body & mind as well as I ever was we have a full view of Florida & in visiting Fernandina I have been out of the U.S. – I hope to hear from you soon this moving of mine will disappoint me in hearing from you as I wished I put a letter not finished in the post Office at S. not 10 minutes before I started I am glad I got out of the clutches of Col Manson and now have a situation that in every point pleases me rejoice with me I am in health and may with exertion make money here and study a great deal besides. I have not been here long enough to give you a discription of St Marys or its inhabitants 300 in number I write this to stop you from writing to Savannah as I requested but your letters that have been directed to Savannah & Charleston will be forwarded to me I can tell you no more at present – this is enough for you to know at once that I am fixed in good place am well happy contented &c remember me to all

Direct your letters to me L B.W. ×× St Mary's
Yes, no more nor less — Your Brother
B.W.

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Mrs Elizabeth W. Ware —

Boston Mass.