

Cambridge 31st of Aug. 1829

Dear Sir,

When I sent you a certain inaugural oration for the Library of the Am. Acad. of the Arts & Sciences, I had not the least idea that the thing itself would attract your attention. I considered you as figuring away in another department, and had no notion that you yourself would feel the least propensity to deviate from the straight-forward uphill road of arduous demonstration, without ever turning from that rugged path to regard such a wordy production as mine, which is a mere attempt to clothe modern science in the garb of ancient Rome. —

Be that as it may — I here send you another copy, with a hope that you will accept it as a small token of my respect for your talents, not merely as a mathematician, but in that species of practical philosophy which Lord Bacon laboured to diffuse through the world, for the benefit of mankind — he who said, that "good sense had not fair-play when oppressed with words."

Accept the respectful & friendly salutations
of your obt^l serv^t

Benⁿ. Waterhouse

Nathaniel Bowditch LLD &c &c
Boston

1820

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the purchase of a copy of the Journal of the American Philosophical Society. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 16th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have also the honor to inform you that a copy of the Journal of the American Philosophical Society for the year 1820 has been forwarded to you by express of the 16th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the Journal of the American Philosophical Society for the year 1820 has been forwarded to you by express of the 16th inst. and will reach you in a few days.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 Wm. B. Ewing

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Philadelphia, Dec 14 1820

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Nathaniel Bowditch L.D. &c

To Mr. Waterhouse Aug 1829

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