

My dear Sir

Oct. 25th 1803

Will you procure a spacious
piece of parchment, thereon to
write Dr. Jenner's Diploma for
an L. L. D.? — If you have the form
on Friday, can it be obtained executed
by Monday evening, on one of your best
styles? I will call on you in a day or
two to speak on the subject. In the mean
time, I hope you will procure as large
a portion of parchment as you ever
saw used for a Diploma.

I am your steady friend

Benj. Waterhouse

Mr. Jenks

Autograph

Cambridge April 27th 1805.

Dear Sir

Dr. Eliphaz Pearson

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I received your letter with pleasure & read it with satisfaction. Dr P. has taken an house in Andover, near the Academy, and is now in the midst of "moving." He himself appears cheerful & happy but the removal is, it seems a sore thing to all his family. I believe he has no plan, or any prospect of employment. His friends are much concerned at the step he has taken, and yet there is such a complete revolution effected in this University, & so much against his judgment, views and feelings, that I cease to wonder at his determination. I cannot say what his particular reasons are; but his general ones are, that all are removed with whom he could cordially cooperate. I find however that he denounced with the last breath of his collegiate existence the business of the Botanic Garden, or rather the mode in which it was conducted; and you know already that a good friend of yours has execrated the tortuosity of that semiteal affair; and has predicted that it never will have an honorable issue. There was every ^{thing} said by the

Committee of the Overseers to induce him to recall his
letter of resignation; but in a calm & placid manner
he persisted in his first determination. Some think
he has not been well treated; others rejoice at his re-
-moval. To my own part I regret him as a loss to
the University, that will not soon be made up. Who will
now succeed him I cannot say; some speak of Pickering,
some of Alden. Loammi Baldwin is spoken of by
many to succeed Webber.

I do not wish to say any thing of the Presidential
election, farther than that I had with most others my
portion of surprise. Nom. Ames; Genitive Webber!
Vocative O! —

I shall go on in my Professorial duties, and shall have
as little to do with the present administration as possible.
It is my principle in politics to treat the constituted
authorities with respect; although my acting on that
principle has impeached, in the narrow minds of some,
my federalism.

You have asked some questions in the freedom of
friendship, and I have answered in confidence; I should
therefore not wish to be quoted on these delicate subjects.

Andrew has long since quitted Thacher, and ~~has~~
is now with John at the Academy in Andover,
where I am much better satisfied, than if they
were at Dedham. Where Lee is I know not.
He has dined ~~at~~ at our house several times, but
where he is, or how he conducts I know not. —

My compl^s to Mr. Jenks; I am glad to hear
that she is pleased with her new abode. Miss
Martha Bush dined with us yesterday & seemed
no how displeas'd at the prospect of adding
one more to the number of handsome wives
your region.

I thank you for your medicinal communication,
and should like to know more of it. It is well we
have not microscopic eyes; we know not what
we eat or drink. —

Accept the cordial salutations of your
steady friend
and humble servant.

Benjⁿ. Waterhouse

Rev. Mr. Jenks —

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Reverend William Jenks
Bath
Maine

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Dr. Mary Pollock
Cambridge
1886



Cambridge Nov. 21st 1837

My Dear Sir,

I called at Major Russell's the day after your departure from Boston, with a view of engaging you to dine with J. Quincy Adams, at my house, and was sorry to find you that you had left Boston for Bath, & still more sorry to find that the occasion of your haste was the indisposition of some of your children. —

My medical course of lectures, which are just now closing has occupied me so entirely, that I have not been able to write to you ~~long~~ before this, as I wished and intended.

I found by the Major that you was not "a man of words, and not of deeds," but that you had, by your benevolence made a good impression upon him, on the subject of remuneration. He seemed at that time full of it; whether it be leaked out since, and whether he does not need filling up again, I am not able to say. If he does, you can do it better than I can. I discovered with satisfaction that your idea had spread remarkably

So many persons, of different political parties have expressed their wishes that a township should be the reward of the saving of the lives of our citizens, that I believe the Legislature would make no hesitation about it. It is said however, that the citizens of Maine would be against it, on the general principle that our Legislature are giving away all their lands; and that if we could get some of the leading characters in Maine to advocate it, all would be secure. If so, none could remove this difficulty better than yourself. To this end, I have sent on to Bath, by water, three copies of my Treatise on the Kine pock, that you may give, or lend them to such influential characters as you judge proper, and to Mr K. by all means. —

You will observe in the treatise, that the history of the struggling progress of vaccination terminates at page 74 — the rest is medical. So far of the book might be read with interest & information. One thing I would mention — The first army we sent into Canada was absolutely destroyed by small-pox. Should one be sent through Canada now, they would be perfectly

se cured from it: Has not this been owing to the anticipation of its benign remedy full fifteen years sooner than it otherwise would have been. By this rapid diffusion of vaccination, a number of lives, equal to a small army, has been saved to our country. By whose efforts has this been accomplished? The answer to this question may be found in the first part of my treatise. I find the Governor very well disposed; and some of his council also. One of the Council not; but he is a medical man. The oldest medical man in the council thinks as you do.

The worthy Dr Maclean told me that he mentioned in a particular & lengthy manner to his flock at Beverly, among the most distinguished blessings for which they ought to be thankful, the Kiae pock inoculation; so did Kirkland - so did J. F. and Packard of Marlborough.

I have begun to lay down, as the butter-makers would say a box of minerals for Bowdoin College. I wrote to Mr Bowdoin yesterday, & mentioned my intention, & who suggested it, and begged of him to send some ^{minerals} to me from France. - I told him also that I meant to send my son Daniel, alias Vacci: - natus primus (see page 65 of the treatise) to Bowdoin College and to plant him for life in that new & rising country - I leave with entire satisfaction to your benevolent zeal, the business which you first suggested; having no doubt but that it will be blessed in your hands. This letter is for your own eye only. Make my best compliments to your bosom friend, and accept Dear Sir the respectful & friendly salutations of

* But more of the Republican party than the Federal, there to one!

* Would it be worth while for you to com-
-municate ^{with} Major Ross this business of remuneration?
Benⁿ. Waterhouse

Recd Nov. 26. 1807
Post paid

paid

The Reverend William Jenks

at
Bath

Name



Boston Milk Street 27th May 1812

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Rec^d and Dear Sir

Mr Richardson from your Town having called on me for the purpose of vaccination, and saying that he was going to Bath this evening very naturally brought my old friend Mr Jenks to my mind, and I begged of him to take a line for you, if it were only to tell you that I am glad always to hear from you & of you, because I generally hear something good —

It would grieve you my Dear Sir, were you to know the situation of that generous family where you once was occupied as a teacher, I mean Governor Gerry's. They are, in a manner, reduced to a state very little short of indigence. A gentleman to have a handsome estate and no income is a sort of splendid wretchedness that bounds nearly upon misery. I was in hopes Governor Gerry would be chosen Vice-President, but that hope is vanished —

The Governor and myself have sometimes spoken of an anecdote, without being able to agree exactly in some points, and I thought if I ever saw you, or had a good opportunity of writing to you I would ask you. It relates to the anecdote of Dr K. & d. Mr Gerry's relation of it to me is this, as he gave me but a week or two since. viz. That Dr K. called upon you, at Mr

Gerry's house, and taking you aside in a secret manner,
told you that he, or the party, wanted some domestic
anecdote or other concerning Mr Gerry, in order to make
use of it in the newspapers so as to effect Mr Strong's
election by raising a prejudice against his rival Mr
G. and that as you lived in the family it were
probable that you had observed, or heard some
things that might, if communicated, be made use
of to produce the wished for effect. — Upon which
you directly expressed your abhorrence & resentment at
such an insidious preposition, both as it regarded your
patron and as it regarded yourself; and that Dr
K — d withdrew himself, in evident chagrin — and
further more that you told Mr Gerry of it, and that
he told you that he gave you full leave to relate
any thing of him, that you knew, without the least
reserve, and that he wished you to tell Dr K — so —

The above is in substance what you told to me, about
the same time, that part only excepted, which is
underscored. Now I would thank you, as Mr G, &
Mrs G. have often spoke of it, to write me word by the
post, whether I have recollected rightly, or whether Dr K.
said that he wished for some unfavorable anecdote for
he himself to drop up for the newspapers I would

I would be obliged to you if you would write to me
by the mail, and relate that anecdote just as
you recollect for; for Mr G. and myself have not
exactly agreed in the part understood.

You know, I presume that I no longer live
in Cambridge, but in Boston. My com-
pliments to Mr Jenks, in which Mr W.
joins me. Accept the friendly salu-
-tations of your humble servant.

Benjⁿ Waterhouse

Rev^d Mr Jenks, Bath



Reverend William Jenks

1812

Favoured by Rev. J. Appleton
Bath Maine
~~Richardson~~

Prov. G. B.



Boston 27th July 1812.

My Dear Sir,

I received your letter with pleasure and read it with satisfaction, and I hasten to reply to it by Mr Ames. I am very glad that I wrote to you upon a certain subject relative to a certain quondam minister of Boston. The treatment which Mr Jerry as well as myself have received from him has been such that we have more than once adverted to the anecdote mentioned in my letter & in yours, and we thought it not impossible that the anecdote might be alluded to if that gentleman continued to act with his miserable party spirit. This induced me to wish to revive the thing in your mind, and to ask you if it now remained on your mind just as it does on ours. We find it does not; and you may rest assured that the thing never will be mentioned by me; and I dare say never will by Mr G. to whom I will speak on the subject. The gentleman in question has joined with others in the college legislature to make my place in that seminary so disagreeable to me as to force me to a resignation of my professorship. But they have not succeeded. Their treatment has been such that I have appealed to the Board of overseers, and if they have not carried matters against me, I have no reason to thank D. K. who is the mere tool of Theophilus Parsons and John Lowell, who entirely govern our Corporation, and

and who completely overlay such honest, unsuspecting
unenergetic characters as Dr Lathrop & Dr Elliot. It
is there, as in every thing else throughout the Common-
wealth, where lawyers contrive & direct every thing.

This day week I wrote to you by good Mrs Bowdoin
she is accompanied by her niece Miss Winthrop, a
sensible & serious Lady, who has renounced the pomp,
and vanities of this wicked world, & looks steadily
forward to a better. -

Mr Gerry will undoubtedly be Vice President, altho.
the British Party here are doing all in their power
to defeat it. - If you were to hear some of the sermons
lately preached in this town, you might ask, whether
these men ~~did~~ considered Christ, or George the 3^d, the
head of their church? I think the clergy are fast losing
their respectability & usefulness, by becoming the tools of a
miserable political Junto. Some it appears that po-
-itics occupy their minds more than religion. Sometimes
tell them, that they are expressly forbidden to mix linnen &
wollen, or to plough with an ox & an ass.

My family desire to be remembered to you & yours, and
beg you to accept the respectful & friendly salutation of
B Waterhouse

P.S. I have written this rapidly & confidentially. Please
therefore to ~~commit~~ it to the flames, that the prin-
-cipal thing in it may be remembered no more.

