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My Dear Friend

I wrote you about three weeks since by the way of Liverpool. The butthen of that letter was the M.S. in the hands of Mr. Newman of which you requested my wishes and direction. I wrote that considering it had been almost seven years out of my hands, I was not easy that it should remain longer unpublished, unless you & Mr. M. upon a ~~closer~~ nearer ex-amination found it less interesting than what you once imagined. I was exceedingly pleased with your idea of putting it into the hands of a certain learned individual who would put it in a garb fit for the English public. I hope the idea will not be lost sight of. Profit is but a secondary object in this publication. I said in a former letter that my leading idea was that it should appear on handsome monuments of our literary friendship, when we were both gone to that country from whose bosom we travelled "returns". You more than once mentioned your writing a preface to it, besides this I could wish you would insert some letters of your own. I feel so confident that they would be published last spring, that I gave Dr. Morse a short extract for the new edition of his geography! It is very difficult I know to do business of this kind at such a wide

wide distance as we are. Before we can exchange  
two letters an year is consumed. I know not but what I may  
add 40 or 50 pages more on the subject of the University  
but as to another volume I never can attempt it before  
I see the reception of the first. of the drawings sent, there  
are if I remember right 1. the colleges. 2. the four orders of  
american houses beginning with the log-house. 3. The Lettoman  
cabinet of Minerals. 4. some drawings respecting the shoe-  
ing of oxen. You mentioned that Mr. Newman proposed  
to have some of these cutt in wood. I thought it an elegant  
idea. O! that I could fly to London "swift as an arrow from  
"the Tartar's bow!" I would be there before dinner time, and  
settle this matter of the publication before night. To pub-  
lish, or not to publish, that is the question!"

The enemies of vaccination wax strong owing to a few spurious  
cases, under the care of some country practitioners, who took  
the pox by inoculation. As I know not how large a gap our  
opponents will make in our practice this winter I think it  
but prudent to ask once more for a little infected thread by  
the first spring ships. Perhaps Mr. Spalding would take the  
trouble of such a thing on himself, but pressed for time as  
I am I cannot now write to him. I have good cases at present,  
but it is best to be prepared against accidents. I have been  
but just informed of the sailing of this ship in a few hours, or there  
would not have been so many marks of hurry in the letter of  
your affectionate friend  
Benj. Waterhouse

P. S. After getting the elegant print <sup>you sent me</sup> of Jenner framed  
and glazed I hung him, for a time <sup>in</sup> our Lloyds coffee-  
house. It being a place of public resort, and where La  
Fayette, Buonaparte, & Nelson were hung before him,  
but I am sorry to say that ~~the~~ he were not favoured as is com-  
-monly <sup>the</sup> case on such occasions with the birth, parentage and  
11 education, life, character & behaviour of Ed. Jenner  
who was hung up to everlasting fame in the beginning  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> century for the horrid crime of introducing  
a <sup>bestial</sup> ~~bestial~~ humor into the human species & <sup>depraving</sup> ~~depraving~~  
thousands <sup>long</sup> of murderers, grave diggers young Dr & old  
women of great part of their support, as well as ~~depraving~~  
depriving his dead Majesty the King of terrors of  
nearly half his subjects ~~of terrors~~ as well as  
cutting the boundaries of his antient &  
vastly extensive dominion ~~of~~

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