

My Dear children

Cambridge July 10th 1806.

I was much gratified with your large packet of letters by
L^r Pearson he went out of town before we knew that he had been in town, or
you would have received some return, since that we received another letter
how it came we know not, a man laid it in the window and went away
before we had time to ask a question. This night I expect to hear again
by M^r Gerry - Why was John so surprised to receive a letter from his
mother? did he think she could not or would not take the trouble? If
it would give so much pleasure as he seemed to express, she would write
very often - This morning we have received two letters by M^r Gerry
and the hat - I ^{am} sorry that your coat is torn I wish you to
send it by M^r Nurse he will carry you a bundle containing
a broad cloth coat for John if it wants altering you must get
it done, only do not have it cut, but have it done meat. I have
also sent the blue silk coat perhaps it will do for exhibition.
If the white overalls are too small for Andrew they may
do for John - and if Andrew wants another pair he must be
particular for M^r N - the waistcoat is for A - the buttons for
his blue coat are in the pocket also two ruffels for John's
two best shirts that he has not worn. He can get somebody to
sew them on and they will answer for Sundays and the
plain ones for Thursdays - I have made John a pair of
leather half garters let me know if you like them and

If they fit - Let me know if there is any thing that is
wanted further for Exhibition that I may have time to
prepare them - did you find a piece of cotton in your
trunk large enough for a shirt-body if you have
it was put in by mistake and I wish you to send it,
by Mr. Nurse, send every thing that you cannot use
I also send Mr. Adams's oration I hope you will read
it with attention - perhaps ^{where I have marked it} Mr. Newman would like to
see it, Write as often as you can, and be assured, that you ^{are}
not forgot, nor have not in any way offended your
parents, on the contrary, your conduct has given them
the greatest satisfaction, continue ^{it} as the best and only
means to preserve theirs and your own happiness, and
believe that ^{not a} day nor scarcely an hour passes with ^{out} your
being thought of by your ever affectionate Mother E. M.
in haste

John
Parker