

To Andrew P. Waterhouse Cambridge Feb. 7th 1831.

to inform you,

I write this specially that I received a letter from Major Bourne the 22nd ult. informing me of the death of your grandmother which occurred on the 16th of January, and another from Judge Woods to the same purpose. He informs me that after a more than ^{her} ordinary indisposition of about three weeks, she dropped away without a struggle, like a person falling asleep. The roads were so blocked up with snow, and rendered so impassable that the letters did not reach me until after the funeral. Every attention was paid her by kind friends and neighbors. We sent her at the commencement of the last winter before this several articles of comfort, as wollen curtains coverlets of rides down &c. much to her gratification.

Over and above some small legacies, she has willed her money to you: that is, to say, the interest of it to be paid you annually, under the trusteeship of Col. Peirce and Major Bourne, who she appointed Executors & Trustees. This I knew several years past; and in case of your death, she willed it to your brother Benjamin, his heirs &c. forever. We all think she has made a wise and prudent disposal of her small property, and you will think so too on due reflection. She puts it beyond accident, and leaves to you to add to it by some occupation that may double, or triple the income, which I conjecture will not exceed \$150 dol.^{rs} a year. She has been long so far an invalid and confined, that her expenses have been double to what they were when she was well enough to spend whole winters with her friends and relations. She has done for you, all she could, and the best she could, and we ought all to respect her memory accordingly.

The will cannot be proved before the month of May, and you

you know that the property must be invested in some bank or office on the settlement of her estate, and is generally paid every six months; all of which takes considerable time.

My advice, and the advice of us all, and I have taken Probate advice is to wait the destined time: and for you to hold on upon your present employment with attention and Diligence, and by no means to rely entirely upon this comparatively small bequest, which alone without some additional earnings of your own, is barely a comfortable support. Among your Grand mother's bequests is 100 dol. to the Baptist Church in her neighborhood. Her articles are inventoried, and the most valuable ^{placed} in the hands of ^{the} executors, and the other smaller articles locked up in the house, and every thing appears to have been attended to, with the utmost care. At the end of three months the Executors will transmit to you, through me, the exact state of her affairs. In the mean time I hope you will pursue with diligence and cheerfulness your present occupation under the maxim of bear and forbear, and not once think of visiting this quarter before next summer, when it may be pleasant and beneficial to your health.

We have an old fashioned winter, and a frightful depth of snow, so that I have not the ~~courage~~ courage to go into Boston, where the travelling is, they say, absolutely dangerous - so that every one who has good warm quarters had need be thankful and cheerful, considering how many there are without them. Let me have as pleasant a letter from you as was your last, and need not doubt the attachment of your affectionate father

Benj Waterhouse

I sent you a packet of pamphlets &c directed
to the care of your friend Mr J Ladd of Alexandria
which I hope has come to hand

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