

Monsieur le Prof
B. Waterhouse.

Monsieur!

Je joint encore un exemplaire du
programme de la Société Batave
de Philosophie expérimentale
à Rotterdam.

Les Directeurs de cette Société,
dont j'ai l'honneur d'être un des
membres, m'ont prié de vous écrire
de leur part, qu'ils seroient charmés,
que vous voudriez avoir la complaisance
de faire parvenir un extrait de ce
programme au Rédacteur du Journal
Des Philadelphie avec prière de vouloir
l'insérer dans son Journal.

Mesieurs les Directeurs de la Société
Batave seroient très flattés de
pouvoir entrer en correspondance
Littéraire avec Monsieur le Professeur
Waterhouse, et lui adresser à l'encontre
tous les détails scientifiques et littéraires
dont ils sont en état de disposer.

J'espère, Monsieur, que ceci pourra
servir d'acheminement à faire
naître et entretenir une correspondance
différente et amicale entre
notre Société Batave et vous,
monieur le Professeur de même
qu'avec les différents Membres
de vos Sociétés Savantes de Boston,
Cambridge, Massachusetts et autres
dont les lettres, avec programmes,
Programmes annoncés, &c. &c.
soit en Anglois, Latin, Allemand,
Français &c. seront reçus
avec reconnaissance & auquel on
ne manquera pas de faire réponse
ponctuellement et en détail.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, avec
respect et estime sincères,

Monsieur,

Rotterdam
le 31. Aout.
1797.

Votre très humble
serviteur,
Dumont

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to

HMS
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To
Doct^r Benjamin^r Waterhouse,
Professor of Physick,
at the University of
Cambridge &c &c
Boston,
North-America.

Rotterdam May 31th 1787

Dear Sir!

Your of Sept^r 15th 1786 has been remitted to me
towards the beginning of this year, likewise
the theses, and heads and synopsis of your course of
lectures, which as well as those for Mr. Freeman
and your letter for him came all safe to hand;
I am verily much obliged to you, Sir, for your kind
remembrance and present; I found all those
products full of solid, methodical and usefull
learning; it seems the Muses please themselves
as much in your part of the world, than they do
at this side of the water.

There is almost nothing printed here in the Medical
way that is worthy of any attention, except a few
translations from the German. Dr. Veigrae
wrote last year a treatise on the lydtopp
pectoris, which was crown'd with the first
premium by the Society of Haarlem, and is a
valuable performance; it is wrote in the
Dutch language.

Mr. Freeman who set out from here at the beginning
of this month of May was in good health and
desired to be remembered to you.
Miss Rodgers favours me now and then with a letter;
she was very much indisposed last winter; she likewise
desires to be remembered to Dr. Waterhouse; her
present lodgings are at No 10, Kirby Street,
Hatton Gardens, London.

The Leyden University has been favoured this year
with a Nosocomium practicum, which

She wanted very much.
Professor Allamand died lately; his place is not
filled up.

I received nothing from you Sir, last year, so that
if you send any papers or letters, they did not
come to hand.

Professor Boun is always very much occupied
in ~~various~~ learned and useful employments;
he favours me now and then with a letter;
if you was acquainted with the Dutch language,
several good works could be communicated to
you which do honour to their Authors.

The Dutch though convinced of the good and
useful productions published in their own
language, endeavour to learn at the same
time the English and French languages, and to grow
by those means docti sermones utriusque lingue
yea now a day it is fashionable to be instructed
in the German, for the many eminent works
printed in that country.

Our political disputes in this country run
very high, and they render society and
conversation very disagreeable; the one
almost obliges the other to declare openly
his profession of political faith; and the
most ignorant about the real and
essential point of the question, are the
most decisive, absolute, headstrong, choleric
and intolerant. The phlegmatic Dutch
grow as warm as the most choleric
Englishman, or the most brisk amongst the
French.

Since the last war between England and Holland
the former Friendship, Trust and esteem
for the English in general especially for the
English Government, has never been reestablished
amongst the people of this country, and I doubt
if that point will ever come upon the
former footing. On the contrary
the French Government is much considered
and beloved here; if this will continue so for
a long while, is a question not easily to
be decided. Your People and Government
Sir, we love and esteem, especially those
of us, whose sentiments are not guided
by mercantile views of interest.

The present military taste of a great part
of our Citizens, will I doubt not have a
great influence upon their moral
principles and conduct; I don't know if they will
grow so much the better by it. In the mean
while this is true that by the reigning
discrepancies amongst our Magistrates and
Governors, the people in general grow better
acquainted with the principles of the
Constitution of this Commonwealth in
general, and with their laws and privileges in
particular, things where hardly ever was talk'd
of or thought on before these divisions especially
amongst the common people of the Land
Want of Medical interesting news obliges me to
fill my letters with those topics, excuse me pray
Sir, I avow me with your correspondence and
believe to be your
Obedient, sincere friend and
humble servant
D. W. M.

To
Dr. Benjⁿ Waterhouse
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of Cambridge, and of Natural
History in the College of Rhode-
Island,
Boston,
North America.