

Cambridge July 4, 1823

Dear Daughters

The accounts we receive from, & of you, are highly gratifying, Mr Lloyd called to see us a few days after his return, & reported much to our satisfaction. The manner you describe yourself to have been in Mary, is all very natural, somewhat perhaps, like the butterfly, just leaving its arvelia & entering new existence; but I will suppose that you have now recovered, if not your usual soberness, at least so much of it as to know your identity. I was pleased Elizabeth to learn that you bore the journey so well, I shall now flatter myself that you have yet a considerable portion of strength, & that amusement, change of air & release from domestic avocations will effect a favorable change for you. I congratulate you Mary, on the pleasant prospect which your change of situation opens to view; numerous friends, company

competence, & a field of usefulness, greatly
enlarged— Think on these things, & rejoice
in the lot assigned you. We are well,
but shivering with cold;— your Father has
walked out to warm himself, while I
find a woollen shawl very comfortable.

L. Waterhouse

July 5th

Dear Children—

I was glad to receive from Rev^d D^r Ware yesterday
a dictated letter from little John, w^{ch} contained a good deal of in-
formation. Until then I knew not what had become of him; for not
a word was said of him by any of you, whether he had been dropt
out of the coach, or lost overboard in the passage we knew not.
I therefore enquired particularly after him of Mr Lloyd, who well
remembered little curl-head.

I am surpris'd that you meet with difficulty in procuring kitchen
help. Has such a city as New York no Intelligence-office, where
servants ^{can be had} with good written certificates of character. I would en-
quire of Mr^s Bunker, who is a Nantucket Friend; of Thomas
Barzard's wife, who is Mr Rodman's sister, or some such ju-
-dicious mistress of a family— If you paid the passage of any
one from Boston, you would probably, only have to pay it back
again. There must be hundreds of suitable women in N. York
only you do not yet know where to find them; so there is money
enough in the world, if people only knew where to find it.

We intended to go into Boston ~~to~~ meeting this morning
before the house is torn to pieces; but it thunders & rains &
we shall probably be disappointed — Rigdon is to be
installed the present week, when Dr Bancroft will preach
the sermon.

I hope Elizabeth that you will avoid all exertions, and
attend only to your health, which cannot mend if you do not
keep the arteries quiet, and of course the nerves. —
When your husband returns, I hope he will carry you up
the river to Albany, that you may better understand and
relish Van Winckle when you read it again.

I spent last Wednesday with my old friend Pa.
Adams, who, although he cannot see, and can hardly walk,
was, lively, interesting, instructive & anecdotal as ever,
yet is he near to 88! — He enquired after you all, and
expressed a lively interest in your well fares, & the prospe-
-rity of your husband's labours in extending the knowledge of
purified christianity. — Is it the fashion at N. York not to
date letters? Everyone I have seen from there has been de-
-ficient in this Seneca way of an intelligent letter. Heaven
inch of paper for Andrew to fill up, who arrived the evening of the 3^d July.

As to your Navy, I shall write to you particularly, next time, were
it only to tell you, that it generally requires 6 months for a young
couple to know how to live together.

I can only join in the general joy & gladness, in which you all, I find, on my
to you I suppose unexpected arrival, seem to be linked together, the assured you
happy connexions, in the family I so much esteem, fills my bosom with great full
& joyous emotions, — & if, as our excellent mother has observed, your new ex-
-cite should fill you with a temporary maze, I hope it will soon be dispelled
by the recollection that your flight is heaven-wind. — I hope you will all
have strength & ability, to complete the usefulness you have all engaged in.

Andrew is very much improved in mind & manners

I Arrived in Boston 5. July, 32. days from N. Orleans - having not heard from you for more than one year. - I can now inform that last season I was very sick with the fevers of climate, & like to died twice, I am now well, free from all southern complaints. - I have thought it expedient to visit this place for my further advancement, & avoid the terrible sickness, that threatens Miss. & Louisiana by the excessive high water & overflow this summer, which is greater than was ever known. - You may guess at my disappointment, when I heard Mary was married & weeks after I sailed from N. Orleans - for I could have stopped at New York, as well as not. - I shall write more some other time - Yours A.O. Waterhouse.

The Rev. Dr. William Lane
Minister of the first Congregational
Church
New York.

Dr. Waterhouse
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P.S. Your Mother expresses her regret that you should think of your
send for a woman from here. She had the trial of it. She carried a girl to Phi-
ladelphia to wait on her & Mrs. Lee, when she had to wait on them both, till she sent the
discontented girl home. It is incredible, nay impossible but that proper persons
may be obtained in your city, where you must follow not Boston customs but
the customs of New York, which will soon become familiar, easy & agreeable.
Remember Mary that proverb, that "when you are at Rome, you must do
as the Romans do." I dare say you have thought better of it before this time. Think
of the plague of a discontented, home sick maid servant !!!