Baltimore October: 2:a 1818

Dear Sir

I arrived here on Wednesday 30:th – after a very pleasant passage from Norfolk, of 10.- days – The vessel was filled with a great variety 40: passengers – from all parts of the world, from the worlds last hope, the Emerald Isle, & from the pride & glory of all the world, Old England –

I cannot say, that we were entertained with anything extraordinary or uncommon, not having seen any of the families of Seaserpents, – or horse Mackeral, – but highly favoured with fair weather & fair wind, – The Chesapeake-Bay, answers any expectations, of it being, not only the finest in this country, but in all the world. – The city of Baltimore, is a very flourishing & growing one, & the publick spirit of it not surpassed by any in this country, – the public buildings & domes & monuments exceed anything in this country –

There was one thing happened yesterday, that was very surprising, – A mock encampment of 2000 troops for Genl. Jacksons army took place, – & an independant company of citizens escorted them down, & publicly manifested great respect for the authority, which organised

them, — but which I never saw or heard of being done in any other part of U. S. — I mention it, as an example of the public spirit, here, as different & more loyal, than any in this country. — On board the vessel I found 13: persons — bound to the same Territory, that I expect shortly to see, —

My time has been spent among some few friends & cousins, whom I found here, besides the name of Brown & Mr. Maxwell, & in seeing the city. — Last night I went — to hear at Metropolitan speaking, at a new & singular place, — even on public solicitation for power & office, in open air, in the market place, in imitation of old Greece & Rome, if not intentionally, accidentally, turned out to be such, — & which I approve of, as giving an opportunity, for candidates to shew their abilities, before chosen to offices — To-day I shall proceed down to Philadelphia & go on to Pittsburg in a few days. —

Miss I presumed, would be pleasing to you & yours; — & to little Molly, — to whom, you will please to communicate it, as from your friend & humble servant

A. B. Woodhouse

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Revd Henry Ware, Jun.
Pastor of 2.d Church
Boston
Bg. Capt. Barrett, schr. Helen
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Pittsburg October 19th 1818.—

Dear Sir

I arrived here on the 16th.— after having visited Baltimore & Phila.— & after a most dangerous & tiresome ride in the stage of 5. days & 1/2 from Phila, over such roads & hills as never were seen or heard of in Mass.!!— & which mocks discription,— but the passengers are in constant apprehension of their lives & limbs, from the steep descent & sideling position of the carriage, & I consider myself as fortunate, having escaped unhurt,— I have been trepanned several nights by the Asthma, which destroys all my happiness, & may destroy my life, by depriving of sleep— & in perpetual fatigue &c, I shall stay a week in Pitts, where I have been 5. days & nights & owing to the thick clouds of coal smoak & dust have not slept this three nights.— This city answers my expectation, it situation by nature being most delightfull but made a compleete mechanicks & blacksmiths shop. There a great number of boats & crouds of people wanting to embark, but are prevented by the unusual shalowness & want of water in the Ohio,— which is lower than ever known at this season.

Whilst at Phia Mr. Harris received a letter from father, which mention the ill health, & alarming situation of Benjamin at Edisto:— which was the first information I had of it— & which is very melancholy indeed.—

Alas! I known not what to say, or write, three times I have visited that city, & as many, have I been informed of the untimely or approaching end of some of my friends & relatives, — And, I am ready to exclaim, ill fated city, veiled in melancholy & mourning, — & destined to be the untimely grave of most of my relations & family — my stay there was short, but of benefit & profit for I obtained several letters, & business to the West, — as well as from Balt.r, — All I can say of Barr. is, that he must & ought to go home, & I expect to have this, soon, —

Say to your wife, I made a very pleasent visit to Mrs Harris, & went out to Germantown, to see them they were overjoyed to hear, that you had a son, & want to see you very much, — I stayed with Hannah Haines all the time I was there, & again experienced their kindness, & friendship for you & all of us, — & I heard that Henry was coming on to Baltr to dedicate the splendid new Meeting house there this I believed, & was glad to hear. —

I was very much with Mr. Hinkley, & Mrs Nath.l Maxwell, the latter was of great service to me, & has given me some business, to sell a farm & says will send me a consignment of books & as he is a bookseller & printer & is coming on here this winter, — he roomed one of the Prouds, & the rest I often visited, the old Lady & her daughters living there, & one Miss Hunt[illegible] is very ill, in a consumption. —

Miss Mc Maxwell is brother to the one in S: C: so attentive to our unfortunate brothers, & was very kind & attentive to me, & I made a very pleasant visit & went to see Monroe the printer, who lives in great stile, — & whose family & living astonished me. —

I am only waiting here to recover my rest & strength, & then go down the river I know not where, but where every body seems to be going, but what I have seen, this indeed is a grand, & beautifull country. — with this I leave you, wishing you to write to Mrs. Haines, as she requested, & from her I may hear of Mr Bayer & Mrs" the family of Lee's who live here in Pitts. —

As I am not stationary, you cannot direct to me any where. — farewell

A. B. Waterhouse

Its now .. 11: o clock & I feel much better, be not uneasy. —

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Revd. Henry Ware. jun.

Pastor of 2d. Church.

Boston

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Mary had better not read this letter
but it is partly addressed to Mrs C. Ware &
Roy husband, — but is intended as an answer
to both your acceptable letter of the 21st

Wheeling December 12th 1818.

Your letter of the 21st Nov. reached me in 17 days, very speedily, as usual, — It has relieved me, some what, supprised me more, at the unaccountable idea, of your, & the rest of the family's, want correspondence & letter writing, not being able to obtain a letter from Bingo in S. C. or from Mrs Seabrooke, or some of the correspondents there, — it is very strange, & very foolish, & unpar-donable in the highest degree. — The very trying & melancholy correspondence from the South, it would seem in ordinary cases, be sufficient, for ordinary families to bear, but it seems that ours is destined to communicate great & extraordinary benefits to the world, & to suffer trying & melancholy occurrences in perpetuating them, — But we must submitt to the great disposition of events, & be satisfyed, & even rejoicing for the good we have done, & that our situation is as comfortable as it is, — But in all the grand occurrences, I do think, that one letter might be obtained from somebody, to relieve you my dear girls, a second time, anxious, doubting, hoping, despairing, — for such losses as would try, if not overcome the strongest feelings, & the best philosophy. — You must resort to him, Henry, whose business it is to console & to brighter worlds, & lead the way. — I am very glad, Henry, is making, that visit, but sorry he selected, in the winter, the Fall or summer would render it so much more pleasant & more suitable for his health, — I heard of his coming, while in Phila & spoke of him to Mr Vaughan & others. — Jo: Preston has visited me here, & gone on to Kentucky, & told me of this intended visit & brought me news from the Hall's & I was very glad to see him, — But I am not at a loss for acquaintances or friends, they passing here every day, thro' this grand situation, this growing & rival of Pittsburg, — all the merchants, say, they will never go up to Pitts. again, on account of want of water, which will give this place a growth it never before attained, — There is more business going on here every day, than in Baltimore & many large cities. — My situation & prospects here, thanks fortune, are the best & most flattering I ever had, for I have all the business of the place, there is not another Atty, within 6 miles, the oldest having gone, till spring to Legislature, & left me their business I expect to be in partnership with the Dist. Attorney, who is in the same situation with Mr Blake in Boston, — & I have a fine Chapline office, & have appeared it, & even thronged with clients, from all parts, have been sent & appointed by the Court Atty. for a criminal & tried & defended him, but not cleared being a bad case, the thief was convicted. —

Mary had better not read this letter but it is partly addressed to Mrs C. Ware & Roy husband, — but is intended as an answer to both your acceptable letter of the 21st

Speculations in Lots in Wheeling, have been 3 years, & a great deal of money is now making in the business, worth annually, Thousands of dollars, Mr Paul's house in Wheeling, has been sold for $25,000 — Mr Zane's Mansion house & Tavern stand, has been sold for $30

If my Loans prospects, should fail here, my short stay here has already given me much aquaintance with persons in other States, in Ohio, & Kentucky, I have been employed about a fortnight with Mr. Everett, who came on with Mrs. Holley, & was taken sick, I invited him to take my room, as he did till he recovered, & he & Mr. Walker have since gone on to Hartford to the University under Pres: Holley, with whom I got well aquainted & took interest for a situation, if any should occur, & I now know of several, & in this place there is an Academy building & most finished, if I should wish such a situation. —

Now Mr. Everett, has been sick with a cold in his limbs & slight fever, but has recovered nearly & gone on to Troy, — now if you or Dr. John Ware know his mother or some of his numerous brothers, you may inform them of this, & tell them to send him some serious letters of advice, for he, we all think, has been very imprudent in exposing himself, in the first instance by going into a cold bath & then into a warm one, & then riding out to Braddocks fields on horseback, — such advice is rather dangerous, & you must use your discretion about it, I suppose he has written himself, but rather think he will not, till he arrives at Boston. Miss Mr. Everett, is well aquainted with our Molly, has been in company with her & speaks of her, — — and, will be returning to N.Y. in about 2: 6: feet high 2: 9: 6: 20: — but a very large, & tall young man, & as to his other qualities & reputation, is well known, is going to study Law, & then go to Europe, — he has received great attention from me, rather wanted it, & has spoken to Mr. Graham, & others, of Mary in high terms of admiration, but has not said much to me, — but there has been so much said, that I think, I had aught to write something to you Mr. Ware, & perhaps Mary had better not see this. — I think some thing might grow out of this, which would prove a valuable & lasting aquaintance, but this of so uncertain & dangerous a nature, that I don't know what to say, you must use your own discretion about it, this much is certain, he is the best scholar, & most thought of, of any one graduate, for a long time. — As to Daniel coming here, I don't know what to say at present, I cannot encourage it without he has several hundred dollars before hand, & without he is a better accountant for most any man does better here, than one, with 6: 9: 6: 9: of cambrick about his neck, black handkerchiefs as mostly worn, vest, none, & in summer, nothing but pantaloons, in the river, — there is room for any body & every business, especially mechanicks, but Daniel has no fixed business, there is great uncertainties about the prospects, & much distress, here, — it is surprising to see, what inconveniences, rich & genteel people put up with in order to pass down the river, — you may depend, if there is any opening that I think he will fill, I shall write immediately. — The grass, with & the genl. complaints is more satisfied, — the famous Ohio river, within 6: days has risen 6: feet, — & an immensible fleet of boats, of all sizes, has passed

Mrs. Holley & family preceded them to Hartford, one fortnight, on their way to Troy.

You have no idea how dangerous the travelling in the Stage is — this month, you will see at the risk of your life — any number —

down, into the western world, — 9: keel boats 40: & 50: tons burthen in one fleet under a Comd. Scott, — & this day the beautifull Steam-boat 400: tons burthen James Ross, named after the Gov. of Penn., passed down the smoothe, but rapid waters of the Ohio, floating without steam at the rate of 6: miles an hour, — we have in this place one steam-boat ready to launch & another soon, — there will be above 30: on these waters this season, but the common flat boats so called are made of rough pine boards, in shape like a pig-stye, square & ill shapped, & in these, they carry animals of all descriptions, horses, yankees, men, women & children, — I nearly saw Saml. Carter, & his wife, passing home, — he had been 3 or 4: weeks travelling, & made a dear voyage of it, & I am glad I was not with him: — At the first of February, there will be a young man leaving here for Boston, a particular friend & acquaintance of mine & my friend Mr. Graham, by him, I shall write, & he will certainly see you & the rest, & inform you verbally relative to this country, & you must pay him all the attention, you can, the rights of hospitality in Virg.a & the South & West are very much attended to & boasted of — by him you can write me, & you need not before, without something very serious happens, — I have not wrote to Mary Ann, but shall soon. — I want the Patriot & Yankee papers sent as very much, & any others, that may be convenient, but these certainly, but these are not taken here, & are wanted very much, some of the Hartford ones are. — I want Aunt Becca &, some of you, very slightly to ascertain, were Wm. Proud, son of Samuel Proud, of Greenwich, N.J: is now living, if you can, I am offered 250: doll: to recover many, which he ran away without paying at this place, & shall take great pains to find him when Mr Jacob Ashmore, the friend, I before mentioned comes down to Mass: but great caution is necessary, for his friends will not say, where he is, he has been in Ohio, Kty., Canada, & we at present know not where he is, it might ascertain this, which would be of great consequence to me, Mrs. Graham & her husband desire to be remembered to you, but I think neither you nor Mary ever saw her, she was in West when father was in the East, but do not remember of seeing any of us; but Aunt Becca: — This situation & place in point of consequence considered at present are of the best in all the West, — I believe I spoke of the picturesque prospect, the mountainous, as well as the serpentine course of the Ohio river, which can be seen many miles, in clear weather, which is seldom, — For all this weather here, is smoaky, & what is called Indian summer, which has prevailed ever since I have been here, — The new grand National Turnpike, now almost completed, is what gives this place, its sudden & unaccountable advantages, about 240: miles from Wash.n & I hope you will understand this, & be able to read this long letter, as well as my own. Remember me to Dr. John Ware, & anybody else, —

S. O. Waterhouse.

Direct to Wheeling, Virginia.

Dec.r 10: 1810.

Mr. Ebenezer Bridge, Boston, Mass.

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Revera Henry Ware Junr
Pastor of 2d Church.
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Wheeling February 10th 1819.

Dear friend & brother in law

As the young man I spoke of as coming from this neighbourhood, has given up his journey to Norton, this winter, I write this by the mail, thinking that a letter may be expected from me by this time, & wish it may be speedily answered, tho' I see the Norton Centinel, every week I have not received but one letter from any of the family, & that from your wife & Molly, — I have not heared from Benjamin, & know nothing of him, whether sick or in health, living or dead. — I have heared of your being in Phila & Balt & of your returning to Norton, where I hope you enjoy uninterrupted happiness in your parish & family. — I wish your wife & Mary & yourself to write soon, what is the situation of affairs at Cambridge, & all the news that you can muster. —

As for myself, you may inform any body, that I have passed a very pleasant winter & enjoyed very good health, in the family of my friend & distant relation Mr Graham, who seem very pleased to have me with them, — And have been practising law, in such a way as to clear my expenses, & shall do better, now that I have obtained a knowledge of the people & country, — but in order to do business to any advantage or profit, it requires a small capital, & with that a man may accumulate a large fortune very soon, the field for trading & speculation, is very good, & the opportunities, for enterprize innumerable, — I have been surveying for Mr Graham, laying out in house lots his corn field, which to give you an idea of property, will sell for from 600: dll to a 1000: for 118: feet. by 60: in this growing town, & in my former letter I gave a description of the place & Turnpike road &c. — & of the great trading, & passing on the Ohio river. —

I dont know, whether I shall return to Portsmouth in the spring or not, but rather think I shall take a voyage to Shantucky & New Orleans, & the country below, which I have so long wished & intended, tho Mr & Mrs Graham often speak of crossing the mountains, & Mr Graham intends to carry his daughter, to the Wilmington school in the spring, — I sometimes get sick of the rough & uncivilized people, but for the most part spend my time very pleasantly, in riding & walking, & have been busily employed & made several excursions in different directions, one into the State of Ohio, — the hunting the deer, is very common, but I have never engaged in this celebrated sport, — as is the fox, opposum, & birds &c. — But, I go regularly to my office, & feel some satisfaction, that my study & labour of years, is not entirely unused, which, has been a very stinging & an almost inconsolable depression on my mind — I hope, that you have by this time received satisfactory news from Virginia, & that my sisters have not had a second trial of hope & expectation, — I hope, that the remains of the family at Cambridge, go on, in their usual singular routeen of perplexity & confusion, & I wish you would give me an account of what they are about, & whether, that old horse, goes on his legs yet. — And if I ever come that way, I shall call them to account in the backwoods stile & manner, we make a pretty free use of rifles, dirks & pistols, I have an elegant sword cane, which I generally have in my hand, to keep, the verde vous of the forest in order. — Three steam-boats have passed here in a month, & one launched & ready to sail, down the river, from this place

I requested a Mr Bynum to call & see you & let you know that he had seen me, as I did a Mr Richards, but he went off before I expected, or I should have wrote by him. I wish some of you would send me the Patriot, — I informed you in my last, what happened to Mr Everett, — his being sick here for a week or two, but since, we have heard of his arrival in Lexington. Ky: & his restoration to health, as well as the inauguration of Pres: Holley who has lately made a famous speech before the Legislature of Ky: on Education, I believe he do justice to this important subject, & cause the "wilderness "blossom, & the desert to sing for joy", as soon as any man

And I believe this must answer for a letter, & if intelligible I shall be glad, for I have not studied it much. — I wish you to remember me to all, & every body, — — & dont put of writting, — —

Yours affectionat
friend & c —

W. F. Waterhouse.

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Lexington Ken.y. July. 25.th 1819.

Esteemed friends

As this sometime since I wrote you, & as I have left my Wheeling in April, & have been visiting the country down as low as the Falls of Ohio, - I suppose you think this time to hear from me. - The last letter I recieved from any of you was one partly written by Mrs. Ware & his wife, in which there was much caution not to leave the place where I was, but I have not followed that advice & have visited all the country, & am now in Lexington Ky: where I expect to be for the present, but am not in any permanent business, tho" I have a fare prospect of it, but find that business is very dull, & that there is not under an oppressed country in money matters in the world, - I am acquainted with Mr. Holley, & have recommendations from him to teach an Academy, but have failed once or twice in obtaining it I have resided at the Transl. University as a resident graduate, & am now in the county 9: miles to engage as a teacher in a private family, but I find the mass so much engaged & crouded for room, that I expect not to accomplish it till Fall, - which is the best business there, the Law being the dearest, but as this is a changeable & shuffling world most anything to keep a man alive, must answer, tho' I am heartily sick of the prospects & character of a teacher in Ky. & shall aim at a situation in some University - being at present out of money, & in great want & apprehension, but I shall or can remain at Colledge, till fixed as a teacher, - I know this" no use to tell or write this to anybody in Mass: for if one was a dieing, no one would lend or give money enough to buy him

A well established school or Academy after the N.E. plan, is not to be found here. — I travelled down by water on the Ohio river from Wheeling to Louisville & saw with my own eyes the fairy land, & the future prospect of this wilderness country, which was performed in april, — I cannot tho' impatience give an description of the country, as I find so much misrepresentation, & so many lies told about it, — & because I feel so mad & so enraged at the fell & fatal mistakes which have driven me here, but I now feel much easyer that I have seen for my self & shall know what to do & how to act when I get money, but for a man to be sent from a civilized country with little or no money into a wilderness country to travell 1000: miles for that is the distance I am now from Boston, is trying indeed, — I have my health good as usual, a little astonished — This letter is written at Mr James Demas log cabin, brothers to Genl Dana, who is well & who lives a tenant to a rich lord, & a man possessing 100 slaves farms & a garden & grounds cultivated in the most elegant Chinese style, the richest elegant & at the same time most simple manner of gardning I ever saw, far before Lyman & any of the famous gardens in Mass: Penn: & anywhere I have been yet, — this gentleman lives as the English nobility & sent his horses & black boy after me & will send me any where in the most hospitable style, not me only but any stranger that pleases him, — his sons & son in law is the men whose family I expect to teach, — the president spent 36: hours here, — & has been all thro' the state & country — I have met him at Frankfort where I lived 2: months, & was disappointed in an Academy the president did not receive much attention in this state, as he seems to be out of date & out of fashion — the independent Presbyterians will worship no man, as the N.E. people did ——

Col. Mead is the owner of the garden I just mentioned, & have been walking 2: or 3. days over his grounds, 30: acres till my mind & imagination is tired, & I have now come into Mr Dennis house to rest, & write this, — but as I have been travelling or moving about 3: months, I have omitted writting you, but think you may safely address a letter to me at Lexington, as soon as you can the girls get this, & had better pay for it, for I may not have enough to obtain it, — I wish Elesth particularly about family matters, & marriage, which in the last letter was very perplexing — & which will I dare say never take place again. — I volunteered to go up the Missouri expedition, sent to Washington for a commission but never heard from it, & am glad of it — but should rather have a commission here than in any part of the country — should like to go with Genl. Miller to the Arkansaw, — but believe tis very unhealthy. — some of the state officers went off the other day but returned, waiting Genl. Miller coming, upon the whole I am at a loss what to wish for or what to follow as a business, but on the whole thing tending the best am perplexed on this subject very much, — I expect a long & plenin letter from you all soon, & would have written this letter if was not worried, & had more time, for I am overcome by the singular appearance of this mans house & grounds a shrubbery, which corresponds to the the description of the Castles described in England, this of Chinese plan & appearance, tho' in midst of the woods in Ky. — remember me to everybody

Yours affectionately — A. C. Waterhouse. —

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