

Drayton Hazard's
great-great-grandfather
New Haven Friday 26th Aug^{5th} 1800

My dear Pety (Oliver) & daughter of Peter & Maria
wife of Dr. Beal

I came to this beautiful town night before last
and shall leave it this evening, at perhaps 8 o'clock, for New York,
for the harbour of New Haven is such, that even a small vessel
cannot sail from the long wharf unless the tide be high. A packet
sails every evening for New York, excepting ~~saturday~~ Sunday
evening, but then two sail on Saturday evening. If the
wind be fair & brisk, we shall be in N. York in 12 hours;
if it be as it is now, we shall be 30 hours. There is little
doubt however, but that I shall be in that city before
Sunday morning; but you need hardly expect a letter
from me before my return to N. York from Philadelphia,
of this however I am ^{not} determined. There are two Cambridge
ladies in the same house with me viz Mrs Austin, and
her sister Miss See together with Mr Austin's sister, three
striking specimens of Massachusetts beauty. They may
reach home in a week, and I think I shall write you a
line by them.

We got rid of the woman & children the stage beyond
Worcester, when the perchman & myself had the whole of
the carriage to ourselves quite to Hartford. I slept the first
night at the spacious new house of Dr Willard at Stafford,
who shewed me his baths & springs by candle light, for I sat
off at halfpast three next morning, and reached Tolland
at sun rise, where we took in a lovely, chatty, agreeable old
maid, who had been married about four months. I met

I met with considerable attention at Hartford from Physicians & others; and very particularly so from Miss Gannett, at whose house I lodged. No man or woman could be more friendly & attentive. I rode from Hartford to this place with an Episcopal clergyman, ^{and} with a lovely good humoured, half crazy man, a second Foxcroft, only more sense & more manners; but ready to burst, as he told us, to sing some of his merriest songs; but dare not in the presence of two clergymen!! - he therefore sang hymns & anthems. -

I have experienced much civility from President Dwight & the Professors. Mr C. brought Kett here, and I suppose he will be offered for entrance, but they advised him to study. I doubt if he go his full time out here; they are much more sedate than at Cambridge.

Tell the younger children that their father experiences constant attention from their friend Noah Webster. He has a handsome house near the water; and I am to re-
- move there this afternoon to be handy to the packet.

I have met with one distinguished character in New Haven, worth to me, & I may say to us, all the journey, I mean Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury. I conversed with him more than an hour alone, last evening on the subject of the Hospital. He has given me the history of all the hospital establishments; but I find there is no rules or written system of its establishment; but I must do the most good I can within a given sum of money; but to be as saving as possible at

present. He advises me to write direct to the President, if I wish to form a regular hospital establishment. ~~for the whole~~ for says he no future President will ever possess more inclination to perfect humane institutions. I have letters to Oliver Wolcott at N. York, who was Secretary of the Treasury when our hospital was established, and from them both I shall get every fact respecting the establishment. My meeting with Gallatin I consider as a portion of my usual good fortune. I have promised to see him again at N. York —

Mr Wolcott & Lucy Waldo's husband has been civil and serviceable to me in N. Haven, altho he lives 20 miles distance. Mrs Waldo is with him at Middletown —

New Haven is beautiful. It is laid out like a checker-board, with poplars & beautiful weeping willows at regular distances through all the principal streets. Even the burying ground is laid out in the same manner & neat & pretty! Several courts are sitting & the town is very full, so that I could obtain no room at any of the Inns or hotels, that had not from 2 to 6 beds in a room. I have therefore been accommodated with a snug room, where I am now writing, at a private house, with a family who once kept a public house.

Remember me to Dr. Kendall & Bartlett. The country I have hitherto passed through has been agreeable; and the journey pleasant, but I have enjoyed it by halves as I have not had with me the person whom I always have wished to partake of my pleasures; which is not to be wondered at, when I solemnly declare that I never received a moment's pleasure these 20 years that she herself did not participate. My love to all the children; and tell them that they must not forget their affectionate father Waterhouse

HMS
1.10.19



(Peter Oliver)

Mrs Elizabeth Waterhouse

from Rev. Mr. [unclear]
her husband

Cambridge

near

Boston



Philadelphia Sunday 4th Sep^r 08
My Dear Betsy,
I arrived in this city on Friday the 2nd inst.
about 2 o'clock, and employed myself in looking about
all Saturday, and shall begin to visit the hospitals &c.
tomorrow. Dr. Rush & family insisted strongly on my
making their house my head quarters; but I preferred
to ~~be~~ at lodgings, on account of those who chose to
call upon me; and have dined both days with Dr. Rush,
and shall dine with him again on Wednesday and
the next morning viz Thursday the 8th, I shall leave
Philadelphia, & go to Princeton, where I wish to remain
only half a day & then return to New York, where I
shall either return home ~~by~~ in the packet, through
the Sound, or else by way of Albany, in the Steam-
boat! which generally carries about 150 passengers;
and is one of the greatest curiosities I ever beheld!
She is longer than a 74 - and goes against wind and
tide without either sail, or oar, and all by the power
of steam! I should like very well to sail up the Hudson
through the picturesque highlands, if I was certain that
the weather would be such as to allow me to enjoy the
prospect &c. But of this romantic jaunt, I am not yet

determine, for it would lead me to come home by the Albany Stage. On this head I shall take counsel and act prudently. —

I am exceedingly pleased with Dr. Rush, and so would you be. He is a gentleman of the old school. He is a sensible, modest, unassuming, friendly man. He has something of the good Dr. Ferris in him, and that is sufficient to recommend him to me — as far as I have yet seen N. York stands first in my estimation. It is more like London. Philadelphia is not nearly so clean as Boston, nor are the people you see in the street half so neat & genteelly dressed. As for noise this city beats London. I must say every thing of the people, for they treat me with great attention, & they are not remarkable for civility to strangers. I must therefore praise them for what I myself experience.

Tuesday 5th. I write only as I get time; for I am engaged, from 8 in the morning to bed time. Were I to stay a fortnight, I should hardly be able to take a single meal at my lodgings. In short, I am made so much of, I begin to think that I had better not return at all. There is certainly some difference in the feeling, between being cared for by the physicians of N. York & Philadelphia & being spit on by those of Boston. The weather has been rather warmish for two or three days, & the nights rather dog dayish; but there is nothing that disturbs me so much as the noise of the carts by day & the bawling of the watchmen by night. From 2 o'clock to sunrise on Wednesday,

Saturdays no stranger can sleep. It is almost horrible.
I long to drink a tumbler of cold water; for the Philadelphia
water is very little better than our rain water. The houses,
accommodations, & beds are very good, but the only good quality
in their water is that of showing well.
Friday 9th I find it impossible to set off before tomorrow, so that it
will be the 11th before I return to N. York, allowing one day at Prince-
-town. Dr. Anthony Forthright is so captivated with your husband
that he has determined to go home with him. He is a bachelor,
about the age of Tommy Pemberton. I have not urged him
very strongly to take the journey, because I know that he cannot
have time to attend to him before the 1st of October; it is
therefore a sort of minor misery that I must manage as
well as I can. I wish the old gentleman
it until next commencement.

I believe there never was a medical man, who ever
had more attention in this city than I have experienced.
I am very glad I came; but I never wish to come again.
I long for a tumbler of clear cold water. You may perhaps
ask whether I do not wish to taste any thing else, that
is better at home than abroad - "guess again" -
Beside Dr. F. I have under my care & protection Mrs.
T. Fletcher, the eldest sister of Mr. Dexter & Mr. Prince.
She is an invalid, & her husband has just left us for
Canada, and entrusted her to the Doctor. - Com^{rs}
Dr. B. & R. & love to the children & aunt Beechey. I calculate to
be at home tomorrow night viz the 17th. W. Waterhouse

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Berkshire 20
Mrs Elizabeth Waterhouse

Cambridge

Boston



Cambridge 15th Thursday even 1811

Your letter without any other date than August has just come to hand. I read it with a mixture of pleasure & pain. Pleasure that you were safely arrived & heartily welcomed, and pain that that John, or rather Randal should be so injudicious as to draw a tooth just on setting out a journey, without there was a pressing necessity for it. Why did not John mention the thing to me? - I should by all means have forbid it, unless it was already very painful. If it was merely the removal of a tooth because it was defective, it was highly imprudent in Randal. The tooth I had drawn before when I went out to Dorchester to see Seth Morton's wife injured my articulation full three months afterwards. If it was not absolutely necessary it was, to say the least of it a very imprudent thing. - Here ends the first scolding. -

I hope John will go to Gay Head. He never will be so near it again, & it may reward his pains.

I hope however that you will not allow him to walk with his sledge hammer so as to be overfatigued especially after the irritation he has gone through. These reasons for my caution. -

Had a letter from Mr Rodman this day. I am not sorry you ~~is~~ tarried so long there. He seems pleased with the consignment. I shall write to him ~~by this mail~~ this evening, & try to express to him my sense of his attention to you - and my reasons for not coming there. -

Another letter from Benjamin today! He is counting the minutes, & seems nearly homesick. He says, "We are going to have an all sufficient tight examination!" Andrew's School was examined to day very much to his satisfaction. D^r. Holmes spoke of it with peculiar emphasis, so that Andrew will wind off with an easy mind. Mr Ganset is under a severe fit of the gout. Mary spent two days with Caroline, & is as well as ever. We are all well & the weather delightful. Hearing that Mrs Sprague was sick, I have been this day to see ^{her} & have just returned, & feel a little stiffish. She

She is not dangerous. Yesterday I dined with Dr Kirkland, and had a very agreeable time of, they being all members of the Academy. Miss Kirkland brought the billet herself, knowing that you was absent. She stayed more than an hour; but alas! I was in Boston. I met her walking today almost naked. I could see the goose pimples through her cloaths — She must be in a fever. —

I have some expectation of going to Tungsborough to vaccinate before many days. There are more than a dozen with the small-pox on the Merrimac. I have clever under it here in Cambridge, so that I cannot possibly be long from home. Beside Gray Mazon & Otis have sent us cards. — I am at a stand about the houses till you come home. — The old south-house is just the thing. —

Lest I should not write to you again, I would express my ideas ~~for~~ of your return thus; — I do not wish John to curtail his jaunt, because he may never have such another chance on the Islands. He can get fish, & other marine productions. They are of more importance than minerals, & he must not let his search for minerals on Nausheant prevent his search after fish. What hinders his going to Gay Head? It is an old volcano. Is there no curious body to go with him? Now I would propose that you should return home tomorrow week. Tomorrow is Friday the 16th. of course Friday week is the 23rd and then you will be at home five days before commencement. If you can, had you not better come by the way of New Bedford, it will be cheaper & I think more pleasant; but of this you can judge, & you can write me word. If John thinks of anything to be done, he must write it. I believe nothing will suffer. We go on nicely at home. ^{Makes} Betty built me a nice pair of Casimir's yesterday, and nothing suffers very much in that line. Andrew seems fixed on going to Sitchfield by the 1st of Sep^r by the way of Providence. Commencement. Daniel, ^{eyes} seems to listen at the thought of going to Mr. Gray; but then Mr G. must take his own time & his own way. [I am tired & so I will flop into bed, & tomorrow I hope to feel smarter.]

16th Aug.
My day morning. Squire Bartlett remarked to by standers this morning that he observed that I was out at bell ringing now you were absent. I replied that I was now my own master. My rheumatism is getting better. My See sitting with her ankles locked & her chin sticking said to her lame husband & me. "I can't help laughing at you too you are growing old & good for nothing, & you call it rheumatism."

I am glad the alteration of the price suits John. It is an improvement. Dr K. has been very friendly in the business. I would observe however that "The face of Nature being a confused assemblage may be liable to error."

-tism.

Give my best respects & affectionate regards to Mrs & Miss B. and to Eliza. By your description the Island & the prospect must be delightful. I should like to fly there & then fly directly back, for I cannot be from home at this time, as I know not but I may be called to the Merrimac.

Neither Betty Mary or Daniel is out of bed yet. We endeavour to breakfast about 9 o'clock; but these children inherit their mother's failings. Ben writes that when Andrew was roaring fire! & the bell rang just under his nose he never waked, which he seems to ^{as a deprivation of so much fun.}

Will it not be every way more pleasant & convenient for you to return as you went through New Bedford. It shortens the distance, & I suppose there is nothing worth seeing at Sandwich. I shall therefore look for you this day week & meet up accordingly. Should you not come till Saturday night, I shant die with anxiety, but whenever you do come I hope you will not think it proper to stick up your little dealish back, from a silly notion that I was not glad to see you, as you did the last time you ~~was~~ came from Middleburgh. Remember that your husband is a Philosopher.

The children desire I suppose their love to be added to your affectionate

B Waterhouse

Tell Mr B. there is not a lick of News that I know of. The Gov^t & council are hard at work making officers - But nothing transpires.

HMS
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(Betsey Oliver) pd.
Mrs Waterhouse
at
Hou^r. Mr Bowdoin's
Nanchant Island

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