

Cambridge, Feb. 9th, 1815.

My dear Elizabeth,

I rec'd yours of Jan. 14th with heart-felt pleasure, though not till I had concluded that you had omitted writing; for, as I did not see Lucy for several days after your letters arrived, it came an unexpected pleasure at last. ~~From~~ ^{In} the quakerlike simplicity of your style, may I not read simplicity of heart & frank regard? I am aware of the feeling of delicacy (I admire it too) which involuntarily arises in opposition to a correspondent of this sort in general. I am highly gratified therefore at the respectable precedent afforded by the good lady, your friend, & the testimony she bears to ^{the} advantage & pleasure to be derived from rational & affectionate intercourse between honourable & virtuous minds under circumstances like ours.

I have heard from Mary the general circumstances & some of the details of your journey; but I have not read your letters. (She dears grieved & idently wished to show them to me, but concluded for prudent reasons, no doubt) that it would be best not to. ~~I hope you are well, & that you are still in the same way, & that you are still in the same way, & that you are still in the same way.~~ I call almost every day as usual. She is furnished with interesting & profitable books, & seems habitually cheerful & sprightly. She delights to talk of "Betsey & what Betsey likes, & what Betsey thinks." We speak of you as much as we can, & what we don't say we mutually perceive that we think. Harriet & I were spent some time with her lately, & they

seemed to enjoy each other much. I think she endures
your absence with a spirit worthy of her - with a
spirit above her years. Do not therefore suffer a
moment's anxiety on her account. ~~Byond~~
Tender regret at ~~your~~ the necessity of separation
for a time should be mixed & tempered with the
calmest & cheerfulest spirit of resignation. She
expects it of you, & she ~~sets the~~ herself exempli-
fies what she requires in you. The family seems
in every respect as usual. Daniel has been paying con-
siderable attention to his handwriting lately, & I
sincerely hope he will engage in some business
in the spring. We rode together to Lancaster soon
after your departure, where I spent a few days
very pleasantly with Sparks. Ann Hains is not
she. I am forbidden to mention her name; however,
it is highly improbable that you would ever
see her or hear of her, if I should. Their acquaint-
ance & friendship & intercourse is much like ours,
except that she is destitute almost entirely, of re-
lations & many, ~~less~~ indeed most, of the ^{experiences} pleasures
which you enjoy. All I know of her is that she
is a woman of sensible, cultivated mind,
& amiable temper, ~~disposed~~ melancholy by
always having been in a situation peculiarly
forlorn, supported & soothed by ~~the~~ to the
merits of such a character ~~it is~~ could not
be insensible. To know her was to be her
friend; & although they will probably never
see each other again, she does not decline the
sympathy & counsel of such a friend. But
I am telling secrets - must stop.

Benjamin has finished his school much to the satisfaction of his employers. Term begun today & with it my college cares. Middleton, a classmate & particular friend of mine has come here to reside to my great satisfaction. Henry has been very much & judiciously praised at Brattle street; no candidate about is equal to him. He has an infant brother, whom the girls want to call, rather strangely, Edward Henry, beginning, as Elizabeth the 1st, the family names over again. Mr. Farrar is not yet returned. I shall like him better for his ~~attentiveness~~ attentiveness to you. My sisters in their last derived their love to you & Mary, supposing you in Cambridge.

As to your situation in Phil^a, let me hort you to use the means which it affords calming, soothing & making you happy. Take especial care of your health mental as well as bodily. Let all your remembrances of the past & anticipations of the future lead you to your Heavenly Father, who governs events, & ^{conducts} ~~leads~~ his virtuous children, though often through dark & circuitous ways, to ultimate ^{the} happiness. Let ~~you~~ you to maintain a grateful sense of blessings you enjoy; contrast your situation ~~with~~ that of millions on the long catalogue of the unfortunate, consider in how many ways whatever is ^{more so} ~~unfortunate~~ happy in your life might have been ~~unfortunate~~ & your heart must bound with gratitude, & your countenance be lighted up with cheerfulness.

I sympathize with you fully on Andrew's account,
but I know not what in particular to say. How did
he receive my letter? ~~at~~ Remember me to him & John
particularly & give them my best wishes for their health
& prosperity. Write me particularly as here you are
to whom you see & what you do. I feel your absence very
sensibly. When I call at your house, I can hardly forbear
asking where is Betsey? A thousand little occurrences of

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Miss Elizabeth W. Waterhouse,

Philadelphia.

which I used to inform you ~~of the same~~
& little ~~advice~~ pieces of advice for what I used to repeat to you
serve to ~~refresh~~ call you to mind. In my best hours
you are associated in my ^{thoughts} ~~heart~~ with my dearest
friends. I hardly know what I have written, but you
will not take this as a specimen of my best epistolary
style & handwriting. This was to have been sent by Mr.
L'gray, by whom the family wrote, but I missed the opportunity.
As he does not leave Boston till Monday, this will reach you before
he arrives at Phil. I am, my dear girl, with the truest affection
your sincere friend, B. Johnson.

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Cam. Mar. 27, 1810. 10 o'clock A.M.

My dear E. J. I rec'd with mixed feelings yrs. of
the 9th inst. I shall write shortly. I cannot by this
opportunity. I am a student of medicine, I may
go immediately to the Mediterranean in the
Washington 74. I shall decide today at 3 o'clock.

Let this be my apology for not writing now.
Don't judge, till you hear particulars.

Yours with sincere affection,
E. F.

March 1816

Miss. E. W. Waterhouse

Philadelphia.

Cambridge, April 20th, 1810.

I meant to have severely reformed your visionary fears. There is a heart-searching God on high. He knows your mind. Go to him. He'll give you tender fatherly advice. Jesus Christ is ascended to exalted offices for his sincere disciples. Sincere endeavours to know God his will cannot fail to fill you with joy & peace. Read the N. Test. Floods of devotion. Never dishonour God by doubting the acceptableness of any efforts to do his will, & to form the temper character he requires.

dear G. You have no doubt concluded, that I am on the "mountain wave," since I have not written. Could I make you understand what has been my precise situation, since I sent a few lines by Dr. Caldwell, you could see the whole course of my thoughts & feelings during that the interval between that time & the present - you would find abundant occasion of blushing for me, pitying me, & cursing me; but, I think, you would find ⁱⁿ a grateful affectionate remembrance of yourself, sympathy ^{with you} & a tender solicitude for your welfare to have occupied my mind quite as much as any other good feelings whatever. When I wrote, I wished to enter into details & let you know minutely my motives, views, & circumstances. But even now I cannot be so particular as I could wish, because I have not yet commenced my new course of life & begun to discharge my new duties.

By Dr. C. I acknowledged the receipt of your letter dated March 9th. This I will attempt to answer. Mary has been at Ipswich about 40 days, & proposed to return a week from today. I took an affectionate leave of the dear girl, expecting to sail before her return. She assisted in preparing my things, & has supplied me with every little convenient & comfortable thing which I ~~can~~ could wish. Benjamin so far as I know, is doing well. I have been much more pleased with his deportment of late than formerly. Mr. Sparks' female friends you will probably never know. Your hint about "telling secrets" I feel the force of. To friends whom I love so much, I find it hard to be reserved; but secrets are a sacred trust. ~~My dear G. I am on~~ my guard as to you, & hope to prove faithful. I think it likely Henry will be finally settled in Dr. Lathrop's place, but it is doubtful. You speak of my being approved. While reading your letter my table was spread with anatomical books & preparations. I felt oddly. But I shall speak of those things presently. I feel for Andrew; I can say only this, that I sympathize with you on his account. I felt the sincerest pleasure when Lucy, who has lately rec'd a letter from you, told me that there was some prospect of his going to sea - that he might be on the Atlantic at the same time with me - I think you would think of us & bless us together. I think a voyage the best thing in the world for him. Dr. Caldwell gave me a very pleasing account of John. I feel much obliged to Mrs. Haines for her kindness to you. Give her the respects of me, who by experience has learned how to value such ministers of Heaven's mercy. The principal distinction between a congregationalist & presbyterian relates to church government. The first believes each individual church to be wholly independent of all others - accountable to no human tribunal for its doctrine or discipline - if ever they call councils or synods, it is only to ask advice, which they may follow or not, as they choose. Whereas the presbyterians believe that certain ecclesiastical bodies, called presbyteries, have authority given them by the scriptures to censure, excommunicate, &c. the particular churches & clergyman ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{several} presbyteries. ~~It is often agreed~~ ^{congregationalists} Many congregationalists agree with them in all points of doctrine, but the term ^{congregationalists} includes all the various sects, trinitarians, unitarians, &c.

I proceed now to speak of myself. I originally chose the profession of divinity because it was most congenial to my taste; I was always fond of the sort of learning necessary to illustrate the scriptures; I hoped by serious & arduous ^{the} blessing of God to be able to ~~catch~~ imbibed something of the spirit & temper of christianity. I thought my talents on the whole better adapted to that than to either of the other learned professions. I thought the duties of the pastoral office the highest & noblest of human pursuits. True there were many moral difficulties to be overcome. There was, besides, imperfect articulation & infirm health. But I hoped by the cultivation of my heart & attention to diet & exercise to surmount both moral & physical obstacles. Thus I was when you left me. ~~As~~ You know something of the state of my health for a year past. I have suffered much from the evils attendant on a life of study. To procure immediate relief I have been under the necessity of frequently resorting to medicine. Blisters have given temporary relief to pains in my chest, & drugs have compelled my digestive powers to act, though reluctantly. In the mean time my constitution has been suffering from the violence done to it. I have kept up a forced & very imperfect health. A change of life, I became long since

When sick I responded I resolved to pursue a more active life. When relieved, I put out of mind all things but the thought of ~~continuing~~ continuing my present pursuits. I have used more exercise & pursued a more rigid course of diet than ~~any~~ many of my companions. But all in vain. About the beginning of March, my pecuniary circumstances were much perplexed, my health bad, my spirits low. My salary at college would about support me, if I were free from debt. But I was much involved, & must be extricated by my own hands. It was about time for me to begin to preach, if I preached at all. But a sense of justice if no higher motive, forbade ~~me~~ a person of my uncertain prospects to begin so poor a profession, till my debts were paid. I feared if I began to preach my health would fail me, & I should be added to the number of those unfortunate men who ~~lead~~ ^{live} ~~the~~ an invalid, half performing the arduous duties of their stations, dependent for subsistence on a capricious & complaining ~~parish~~ parish - perhaps finally discarded, ~~to live~~ ~~on~~ to live on the charity of friends, or dwindle into a petty schoolmaster. In my state of health I could not conscientiously enter into a contract with any parish to do the duties of their pastor. Perhaps you will say I show a criminal distrust of providence. But we can collect the will of providence respecting our duties only ~~by~~ consulting our constitution, powers, capacities. The medical profession I have always thought next to the theological. I have had a taste for its pursuits. I have read much ^{on} medicine from an interest in the subject. Physicians are not generally good men; but it is not because their profession makes them ~~lead~~. It abounds in opportunities of exercising all the Christian virtues. A good physician in an especial manner goes about doing good, ^{to} to the minds as well as bodies of men, if he pleases. His life is necessarily partly active & partly studious, which is what I want. The fatigues & exposures ~~it~~ incident to it I can bear much better than sedentary confinements. All my friends here were much in favour of the change. Even Dr. Ware, though reluctant at first, allowed the force of my reasoning. I became a student of medicine with Dr. Foster on March 11th, with Sam. for my companion. He & John Ware, & I were a ^{trio} indeed. It was very painful on many accounts to give up theology. Happy ^{do} I esteem those who can pursue it. I still retained my office in College; but ~~something~~ ^{would} be done to pay my debts. I had no prospect ^{but} a school, which I heartily abhorred. But I could not choose; I ^{was} myself in readiness to embrace the first good offer. On the 20th of March, the Pres. sent me a note saying that Com. Chauncy wanted a gentleman to go to the Mediterranean on a cruise of 18 months. I thought of the thing, waited on Chauncy, ^{learned} the duty & compensation, & the next day accepted the appointment. All my friends in Cam. think it an "excellent chance." Mr. Harris says he had serious thoughts of going, & would, but he must resign his professorship. Almost ^{among my companions} any gentleman here would accept it. My sisters were very much shocked & distressed at first, but, after I had stated particulars, were quite resigned, & one of them came to Boston & spent a week with me, & returned quite reconciled to the thing. My father is ~~pleas~~ pleased. My duties are to read prayers on Sunday morning, & sometimes a sermon. This as chaplain. As instructor I teach the midshipmen navigation, or rather that part of mathematics which is connected with navigation. Some of them I instruct in Latin & Greek. My school occupies me about 4 hours a day. My school room is the fore forward cabin. I mess with the lieutenants, purser, & surgeon in the ward room. I have a state room for my

private apartment, large enough for my bed, trunks, table, writing desk, library, &c. I have
a boy to wait on me, take care of my room, bring water to brush boots, carry messages, &c.
I have a right to go to any part of the ship, & have all the privileges of a wardroom offi-
cer. I can be ashore. I have absolute authority over my scholars while in
school, reporting offenders to the captain, according to usages of ships of war. I can
be alone in my room, ~~or~~ converse in the ward room, sit in the forward cabin, walk
or walk on deck, as I chuse. I have a great deal of ~~time~~ ^{my} time to study, & take with
me many books. Dr. Washington, the surgeon, is known to several of friends to
be a fine man, a man of science. He has promised to afford me all ~~of~~ ^{my} as-
sistance in my medical studies, to show me all his ~~own~~ surgery, & practice
of physic among a crew of 800 men, to afford me the use of his books, & give
me a certificate of study, &c. Rev. Cheever Helsh, who has lately been ordained
^{deacon} in the episcopal church, has been chaplain 3 years, was with Capt. Smith in
the Congress, with Chamney on Ontario, & went with Bainbridge to the Mediterranean
in the Independence. He is a good, sensible, respectable man. He was going out in
the Washington, but having been absent from his family 3 years, ~~he~~ was excused.
He is at present in Boston & preaches at the north church. On his representa-
tion of things I can rely. He thinks I shall find my place pleasant &
salutary. He is personally acquainted with all, but one, of the officers, & as-
sure they are men of good manners & good feelings. From him I have obtained
valuable hints. We are bound to the Mediterranean, & shall probably be in many
I hope to learn something of Spanish & Italian, & to see something of that most
interesting part of the world. My compensation is (pay & rations) ~~5~~ 55 dolls. per mo.
together with something for instruction. Mr. Helsh thinks I may calculate on
as much again as my pay in all, about a thousand dollars a year; but ~~living~~ ^{living} is
very high, nearly a dollar a day. Sailing orders have been expected ~~only~~
~~for this month~~ but may not come for a month more; but it is all uncer-
tain. I am in readiness to go at a few hours warning. I continue to inhabit
my room here, I am under pay as chaplain. I do not expect to live on board
fore we sail. I have been on board but once, when I dined there, & liked accom-
modations ~~well~~ & companions much better than I expected, very well indeed.
I expect some unpleasant things of course; naval society, as such, has no charms for
me. You know my opinions of armies & navies, of glory, of victory, & all that
I am of the same opinion still. I would not go on a fighting cruise; I am
too great a coward to expose myself; besides this, you have often heard me urge
other reasons. If I can improve my health, enlarge my knowledge, & pay my debts,
I shall accomplish my wishes. The change in my life will be great indeed. At
present all my habits, tastes, & feelings, as you knew them, are unaltered. Join me

in praying that what of them are good may remain so, & what are bad may be displac-
ed by better. As to the dangers incident to a seafaring life, I commit myself to the care
of that Almighty Being, whose providence extends over all parts of his dominion, who
follows with his eye & protects with his arm all his creatures. If it be his will, I shall
return in safety. Without his will nothing can befall me, & to make his will mine
is the end of religion. The office of chaplain is much in dispute among most people. But Mr. Felsh
has done much to make it respectable. I cannot now speak of my situation more particularly. I have since writ-
ting the above read in the Centinel a paragraph which states, that "Mr. Pinkney is at Washington, waiting to be ap-
pointed to a second embassy; so the Washington 74, which is to carry him out, must wait still longer, perhaps till the
Senate adjourns." Above it is said "Congress will probably adjourn about May-day." This, merely a newspaper para-
graph & without authority; but I think it quite probable it may prove true. If he should be made minister to
Naples, the ship may go to the Chesapeake, to receive him, & I may go to Philadelphia. To this, be sure, I shall have
no objection. I think it not unlikely I shall yet see you, either in Can. or Phil. & that it may be so. But should it
not, let me earnestly request you to write to me. Opportunities will often occur. Despatch vessels will frequently be sent
to the squadron in the Med. I shall write to you & Mary. ~~But I have~~ I have feel disposed to ~~indulge~~ give a loose to
my feelings, but I must forbear. I cannot leave my friends without strong emotions. But I have girded up my mind, I have
formed my plans. Fearful would be weakness. I have had no misgivings, nor ever once repented. It would give me great

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satisfaction to converse with you about it. I cannot write a thousandth part of what I would say. I may not write again before
fall. It must depend on circumstances. I pray you inclose a letter immediately to Lucy; in all probability I shall receive it. If not, she
will destroy it. Your Papa tells me you will probably return about the middle of next month. I think he & all the family wish it. Mary
wishes you to stay as long you can, on account of your health. How do you do now? Write me particularly. ~~But I have~~
God grant you may. You will feel the necessity of propriety, the grace, the necessity of exercising an angel
mildness. Fortitude you will need to bear much, no doubt. But there will be no occasion ~~for~~
You only be remembered to soothe & alleviate, in the hours of prayer & meditation. Cultivate a cheer-
ful temper. Be employed about your duties to your father, brother, & sister, but never suffer yourself to be over-
whelmed by the first of ~~your~~ temporal object of interest, your health. Cultivate cheerfulness as a duty. Let it spring
from religious gratitude. Forgive, nay, perform offices of kindness & love towards, those who may have injured you. Remember
me in your prayers. Pray that I may be shielded from the dangers of the sea, the diseases of the climate, but from
the temptations of the world. May I hereafter meet you in confirmed health, happy as this world can make you,
loving & beloved by the ~~good~~. I indulge the hope, that ere long your ~~affections~~ domestic
virtues will have a proper field in which to be exercised & displayed, & that your affections will cling
to some one worthy of them, whose delight it will be to study your happiness. Such an one I will call
my brother, what it is in store for me, I know not. My path must be trodden alone, if Heaven will.
I ask a place in your heart. I am not permitted to ask the first place in any heart. May I never be preser-
ved from the cruelty of inviting any one to share disease, sweat, & misery.
I am, my dear girl, your sincere, unfeeling friend, C. F.

Cam. Sat. eve. 8^{1/2} o'clock, April 27th 1816
My dear friend, I learn that you will shortly be at
Cam. & that Andrew is the subject of ^{particular} solicitude.
I may not now speak my feelings. As is your
day, so may your strength be. "If you return by the
6th of May (as Mary says) I shall have the happiness
of seeing you, without doubt. She has just returned from
Spowick in good health & spirits. I feel refreshed by her
presence, & heartily exclaim "Here may we three meet
again." I have ^{been} much occupied in preparing to go, but
in the midst of the multitude, I have been rather
lonely. I go on board to reside & begin my duties
next Wednesday. I shall come on shore often.
I visited the ship yesterday, & was very much pleas-
ed with company & accommodations. It is quite un-
certain when we sail, but probably early in May.
Should we carry out a minister, we shall no
doubt go to the Chesapeake to take him. We
had a ball last week at Judge Parker's In-
stitution. I attended & ~~was~~ was pleased with
~~the~~ the pleasure of others. But this must
be uninteresting to you. I will use no more
of Mary's paper, but conclude by wishing
you ~~the~~ a safe & pleasant journey to the spot
of all others most dear to you. May the com-
mon greet your return by brightening its ver-
dure as you approach, & vernal breezes waft
health & serenity of mind to the tenderly regarded
friend of
C. Hanson.
P.S. Make kind remembrance of me to Andrew
& John.

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U.S. Ship Washington, Annapolis, June 5th 1810.
My dear Elizabeth, I rec'd your ^{letter} dated May 22nd on the 27th of the same month. Two letters one dated
April 27th & the other April 30th, both directed to Cambridge, I did not receive till June 5th,
when they came inclosed in a letter from John Ware, with a note from Lucy, stating why they were
not sent before. I cannot describe my feelings on reading them. I'maged of the past
rushed in crowds on ^{my} mind, - I was overwhelmed by a tide of mixed emo-
tions. I wept, as I now do; but my tears are not those of grief more than of pleasure;
my state of mind is ^{as} indefinable as the nature of mind itself. Had I rec'd your
letters in Cam. you would have heard from me before this. I intended, at all
events, to write before leaving this country; but knowing that the papers would
give ^{such} notice ~~of what I had to say~~ ~~of the~~ ~~ship~~ of the ship, as would remove
anxiety, I was less solicitous to write till ~~the~~ she should be near sailing, ~~that~~
I might speak more determinately of my situation & prospects in this new
course of life. Before I remark on any part of your letters, I will briefly sketch my person-
al history since I last wrote. After ~~spending~~ ^{passing} several days mostly at your house, & spending
as much time as possible with our dear Mary, I left Cam. on Wed. morn. May 1st, to
begin residence on board, not doubting but I should have an opportunity of visiting
her & my other friends more than once before ^{my} departure from Post. But I learn-
ed ~~that~~ shortly that sailer orders had arrived & that the ship was to sail the next
day. I was in perfect readiness to embark & lost no time in doing so. I had taken leave
of nobody, but it was too late to return. I sent Mary a line bidding her adieu. Unfor-
tunately winds prevented our sailing for a week, during which time I was able to go on
shore but once, & then could not venture to remain but an hour, as the ship was un-
moored expecting to go every tide. On the 8th we weighed anchor. I cast a "longing lingering
look behind" ~~the~~ on the land so endeared to me, ~~which~~ not left without a sigh,
The fleeting shores fast faded from view, & in a short time ~~nothing~~ was visible but
the arch of heaven above & the "vast deep" below. I could hardly feel a practi-
cal conviction that I was at sea, even when on deck; so steady is the motion of the
ship & so many are the men around ~~from~~ engaged calmly in different pursuits.
This in ~~the~~ good weather; but in a squall, one which we had, all is hurry &
confusion to one who is unacquainted with a ship. Mrs. Chauncey, her niece
Miss Episcopold, & a Miss Weatherhead of Delaware, & Lawyer Stickney of Boston
accompanied us as passengers to Annapolis. I was much pleased with Mrs. C.; with the
young ladies not quite so much, but very well. I was moderately seasick during the whole
passage, but I had intervals of comfort, & a few ^{hours} of high enjoyment. My old care-
worn mother ministered comfort, when all else failed. I could fail to remember who
had so often & so affectionately prepared for me the same beverage in seasons of illness
& despondency? On the Sunday after our departure the Commodore, ladies, &c. dined in
the ward room, & I have rarely seen a more elegant table set. The next day I dined in
the cabin, having just recovered ~~perish~~ for food; & ~~after~~ after dinner, while walking on
deck with the ladies, a man at the head cried out "Land!" ~~and~~ & the same eve. saw
us safely anchored in the mouth of Chesapeake bay. ~~The~~ The grandeur & sublimity of
the ocean, particularly at sunset & in a moonlight night, are not exaggerated
by the poets who have described them. The sea is blue blue where it is un-
fathomable, & green nearer the coast where it can be sounded. Schools of por-
poises played around us, & we were escorted by little wanderers of the ocean
called by the sailors "mother Carey's chickens", which sported in the path of the
ship with indefatigable wings. They seemed to be black & white, smaller than
a dove, & were found ^{every} in the middle of the Atlantic. Annapolis is about 100 miles up the
bay. The scenery & probable phenomena ^{on the shores} you can well imagine from your
late ~~seasick~~ adventurous ~~to~~ voyage on the Delaware. (By the way, if I had
must permit me to erase & blot, as much as I please, else I cannot proceed. If I had
the ~~power~~ power of expressing my thoughts in ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~easy~~ ~~and~~ ~~natural~~ manner, ~~off~~ off this
which your sex are so remarkable, it would be unnecessary.) We anchored off this
city on Thursday the 10th about 4 miles from ^{the} wharves. ~~The~~ When I first went
on shore I walked immediately to St. John's College, which is a single edifice built
in good taste, but the institution like most southern colleges, inferior to village academies
in N. C. The town is small, old, & ruinous, - the inhab. about 2000, 1/2 black. [But I
am just informed that Mr. Pinkney will embark in the morn. & we shall sail in the course
of the day. Probably the last opportunity I shall have of sending this will be at 4 o'clock
in the morn. It is now past 11 at night. I must therefore omit particulars.] I pre-
sume 5 or 6 thousand persons have visited us since our arrival - all the
great folks of the state, Mr. Madison this court, Marshall Grouchy & Gov.
Cloiselle, &c. &c. The city people gave a ball when Mr. M. was here. I at

tended not for amusement so much as observation. Every ^{thing} struck me as mean & ill-managed, compared with like things in N.E. The ladies are, ^{generally} graceful, dressed with less ornament & also with less taste than with us. They are generally better educated ^{superior in every respect to the} men. I was introduced to Mr. Mad. ^{What is singular to be reminded me of old Mr. Warren, but bears some resemblance to Dr. Osgood.} I liked his manner. He seems to be a modest, amiable sort of man; & what is more in his favour than all the wisdom shown in carrying on the war, it is said that his servants, his household, those immediately about his person, are treated with such kindness that they entertain ~~for him~~ a most devoted attachment towards him, & would expend life itself in his ~~own~~ service.

[Chesapeake bay, opposite Patuxent River,
June 7th 5 o'clock, P.M.]

My dear E. We are sailing fast towards Naples. Mr. Pinkney & suite came on board this morn. & we immediately weighed anchor. I seize the present hour to finish my strange epistles, which I shall send by the pilot who will leave us perhaps tomorrow. I am sitting calmly in my state-room, & could easily imagine myself in my college room, were it not that ^{for the} ~~the~~ grim ~~monster~~ ^{huge monster} of a 32 pounder which is extended by the side of my table, & were it not that when I cast a look through the port I perceive the retreating shores of the bay, were it not for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~base~~ ^{softly soothing} port of music which is playing ~~now~~ ^{now} a national air & now the ~~Edman hymn~~ ^{Edman hymn}, were it not for the constant cry of the men heaving the lead "a quarter seven!" were it not for a few such things I could easily fancy myself in the spot I revisit in my dreams, the ~~dearest~~ ^{dearest} spot on earth to me. But I must finish my narrative, as I have yet to write to my sisters & John Ware & Willis. ^{of Mrs. M.} of Mrs. Madison I can only say she is not well mated, ~~as she makes her husband appear too diminutive a size.~~ She is as tall as Minerva & as graceful as Venus, but her countenance is quite unintellectual, not to say ~~gross~~ coarse. Her carriage is certainly very gracious; but had I met her in the market with eyes to sell, I should have thought her an honest dame perhaps, ~~at not soon~~ ^{at not soon} to be the mistress of a palace. Steamboats laden with visitors have come regularly from Baltimore, & one ~~from~~ ^{from} my old friend & classmate Hunkley. I have not been able to pick Baltimore or Washington, ~~as the ship was constantly under orders~~ ^{as the ship was constantly under orders}, & no officer could go out of signal distance, except for very special reasons. But I have had a boat to go on shore whenever I have wished. Although the season has been backward, we have been feasting on strawberries & cherries & green peas for some time back. The gardens & surrounding country gratified every sense. The ~~of~~ ^{of} cupola of the state house affords one of the finest views I have seen, but I cannot paint. I have rambled ~~over~~ ^{over} the ~~flat~~ ^{flat} farms, & seen (for the first time) the toil of sinews bought & sold. I have found many ~~plants~~ ^{plants} ~~but~~ ^{but} common enough in poetry. I have preserved them, rather unskillfully tho' I have got up quite an ~~enthusiasm~~ ^{enthusiasm} of natural history, so as to be ready when a broad to ~~collect~~ ^{collect} whatever I can. The other day a party of ladies & gentlemen from Queenstown visited the ship & were unexpectedly detained by ~~stormy~~ ^{stormy} weather. ~~They~~ ^{They} were so much affected with the hospitality & kindness with which they were entertained in the wardroom that they insisted on our visiting them. As many of us as could be spared accordingly went to Kent Island, opposite to which we lay, ~~It~~ ^{It} ~~was~~ ^{was} dined with them. I rambled over the beautiful island with heart-felt joy. In the eve. they conveyed ~~us~~ ^{us} in their carriages to Queenstown, about 12 miles where a party of ladies were met to receive us. Then followed the most graceful dancing I ever saw. I was introduced to some very elegant women. They were the first families in the place, which we visited. The women all vast ~~of~~ ^{of} superior to the men. ~~In~~ ^{In} the morn. they ~~returned~~ ^{returned} us in their carriages with a thousand blessings, & liberal presents of hams & fruits of the earth. This is my first visit to the southern states, & I cannot wonder that the New England claims the superiority in every respect. It is not arrogance, it is just self-respect. All here it may be compared ^{with} old Massachusetts. As to my situation on board, I find the gentlemen of the wardroom to be among themselves amiable, abundant ^{friendly} ~~friendly~~ ^{officers} ~~officers~~, some of them well educated & intelligent; all treating me with the greatest kindness & exhibiting every mark of respect, which is ~~an~~ ^{an} even ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~dainer~~ ^{dainer} than ~~myself~~ ^{myself} could desire. ~~But~~ ^{But} ~~some~~ ^{some} parts of their character I do not like; but if they are not virtuous as one could wish his companions to be, they at least express an outward regard for virtue; the only thing unpleasant which has ever fallen under my observation is their prophaneness, which they are forward to regret & condemn & abjure. But ~~but~~ ^{but} bad habits are not to be blotted away by an occasional sigh of regret. They are all ~~from~~ ^{from} the southerners but ~~two~~ ^{two} of different political opinions - almost all bitter enemies of the English, in whose hands they have been as prisoners, suffering much. But we never "talk politics." All my old opinions & feelings about war and its abhorred influence on those ~~concerned~~ ^{concerned} in it are more & more confirmed by every day's observation. We are so familiar that I speak freely on all proper occasions & I generally get the assent of all. I can not wholly ~~not~~ ^{not} overcome my old propensity to philosophise & moralise on these subjects, but I hope, not without discretion. I have not yet pursued any course of study, we have been

soothed by company. Nor, for the same reason, have I kept school, or read divine service. Indeed all the duty I have yet done is reading burial service over a worthy seaman, who died while we were at sea. The sailors discovered by their weeping a sensibility of which I had hardly suspected them to be capable. Indeed the circumstances of committing a body to the deep are very affecting. Your visit to the Franklin will assist you to judge of my accommodations. I study & sleep in a state room where there is light & air; & keep my clothes & books in the room first assigned me. I am comfortable in every respect, & the assured Mary was not forgetful of anything which could afford me comfort, as I have on trial found nothing wanting. I have quite a library of my own. Borrowed books. The Wares & Danas furnished me with many, & all my friends added to the heap. But I shall weary you with particulars. It is now ten o'clock P.M. We are anchored opposite to the mouth of the Potomac, having run sixty miles today, while I have been sitting here not conscious of moving an inch. We are 90 miles from the ocean, which we shall reach tomorrow if the wind is fair. Our ship is a world in miniature. I could fill a volume about its internal management, &c. but have time only to say in general, that my expectations have been surpassed. ~~At~~ all the advantages I mentioned in my last as likely to result from the voyage, I still more confidently expect them, from what I have ^{already} experienced. My health & spirits are good.

Sat. morn 9 o'clock Chesapeake bay. June 8th

My dear Grel, We got under way this morn. early & shall probably be in the great ocean tonight. ~~But~~ I am mustering up resignation to be sea sick for a fortnight or so; but as I do not yet feel the motion of the ship I hope to escape without suffering much. I begin my school in an hour for the first time. As to the Pinkneys, I am not yet enough acquainted to judge of them fairly. Mr. P. seems to be affable & uncontrained. ~~His~~ The women (his wife, sister, & daughters) are highly spoken of. ~~His~~ sons seem to injured by praise & indulgence, as they are excessively part. Howard. But this is not a fairly formed judgement. Several private gentlemen, beside secretaries accompany him, whose I think I shall like.

I was much interested by your description of what you observed in ^{Phil^a My cousin} Mrs. Odiorne, knew you by reputation, mentioned you in her ^{to her brother} letters, I hoped to see you in the country with Rebecca in the summer. I send my thanks to Mr. H. for her good wishes. What you communicated respecting An ~~awakened~~ the liveliest sympathy, & is much the subject of my thoughts. I had merely heard that A. was returning before I left, & saw Dana. I knew nothing of the prospect of business to which you allude. I said what I could to prepare Mary for this unexpected occurrence, but felt pained & grieved myself. ~~But~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~it~~ ~~your~~ ~~self~~ ~~may~~ ~~continue~~. Hope the best for John; he is deservedly dear to you. Bear up against the accumulated troubles, which oppress you; cultivate resignation springing from just views of providence; this is far different from stolid insensibility. Assure him that he has my sincere regard & fervent prayers for his recovery & prosperity. I shall send this letter to his care, but I presume you will receive it in Cam. If you think proper remember me to your father & brothers. I have no doubt they sincerely wish me well. For their numerous & great offices of kindness I thank them, & wish them peace & happiness. My dear Mary, this letter is addressed to you as well as to G. I sent a line for you in a letter to Sam. Dana from this place. Be mutual supports to each other. I feel overpowered by the recollections of past scenes ~~of~~ of pain & pleasure, since we three have been friends. I never ~~will~~ dwell on ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~departed~~ ~~brothers~~ ~~&~~ ~~sister~~ ~~&~~ ~~my~~ ~~own~~ ~~mother~~ (who was one of the ~~gentle~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~women~~ & whose gentleness of temper & maternal sollicitude & tenderness I shall never forget,) without associating the mother of G. & M. But I must forbear. Remember me to the Wares & Danas & Miss Gleason, & all who care to hear from me. I feel much indebted to Lucy for her kindness to your family, & regard her for her genuine goodness. Tell her that whenever I draw around me the circle of my Cambridge friends, the images of Lucy & Mary Ware will not be absent. Your offer to write to my sisters is very kind. They will be much pleased & obliged by it. They have been taught to esteem you & Mary. You may have information which they have not, or sooner than they. My eldest sister Sophia

is married. Her present name is Rowdell. My sister Sarah E. is aged about 24 & Nancy E. about 19. I write to Sophia commonly, as she is the oldest & best of us; but my letters are addressed to all equally. It is a ~~very~~ strong trial of their fortitude to ~~stand~~ part with me so long & so far. Great charityfully to them. Stay as well as you think a great deal too well of me in every respect. Write to me both of you by every opportunity fully, & so by minute. Direct to Mr. Charles Fisher, Captain's of No. 3 Ship Washington. Care of Bernard Henry, Esq. American Consul at Gibraltar. He will forward letters, any part of the Med. where we may happen to be. The foreign letter office will tell of Rowdell's bound that way. Indeed letters will reach me, sent in vessels bound to return at any part of Europe by the way of Gibraltar, which is a centre of commercial intercourse between nations. Every precaution will be taken by the ship against the plague, should it still rage in any part of the Med. I have as much letters should of died than ever had in college. I must now conclude. ~~And~~ May we meet in due time, made better by all the discipline though which we may ~~for~~ be called to pass, I pray we never doubt that the virtuous will ultimately be ~~the~~ happy.

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Miss Elizabeth W. Waterhouse,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Care of Dr. John F. Waterhouse.

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Recd and Recd. June 14th 1816
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U.S. Ship Washington, Bay of Naples, July 22nd, 1816.

My dear girls,

I rec'd E's letter dated Phil^a April 30th, & wrote at length from Chesapeake Bay, June 8th. I also enclosed a line in a letter to Sam. from Gibraltar July 8th. Henry will hand you his letter, which encloses this. It contains as many particulars as I have time to write, consistently with duty to friends in other places. Do not measure my love by ~~my letters~~ the length of my letters. Scarcely an hour passes without my visiting Cam. It frequently occurs to me what you would think & say about the interesting objects & occurrences I meet. I want you by me to admire the grand & beautiful scenes by which I am surrounded. You both have a taste for landscapes, more exquisite than mine; but even I, dull soul, am filled with enthusiasm as often as I gaze. Almost every thing I bro't with me from Cam. is associated with you both & I am surrounded by proofs of recollected love. Do write to me about John's health & all the news. The vessel which takes this is present.

Yours affectionately,
E. H.

E. W. & M. Waterhouse

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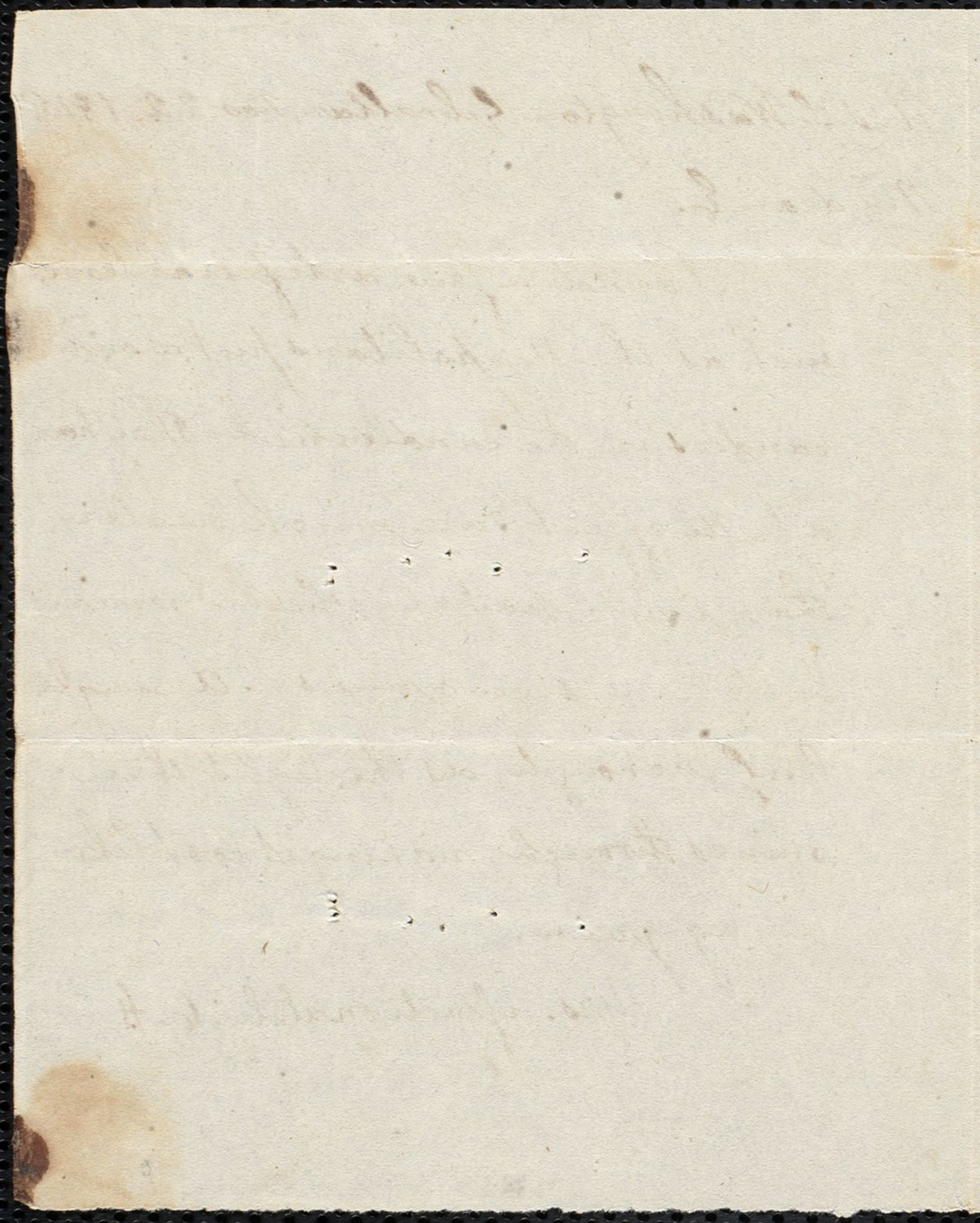
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U. S. S. Washington, Gibraltar, Nov. 22. 1816.

My dear E.

I send a few artificial leaves such as the Neapolitans put around candles in the candlestick. They have a pretty effect, & are much neater than white paper, which I remember to have seen you use. A single leaf is enough, as the light then shines through, making it look like living green.

Yrs. affectionately, G. F.





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Miss E. W. Waterhouse,
Cambridge,
Mass.

U. S. Ship Washington, Gibraltar Bay, Feb. 15. 1817.

I send a curious specimen of oriental complimenting. You may have seen it
but perhaps not. It is the salutation in a letter from the sdy of Algiers to Mr. Madison
and demands a disputed brig, as a part of Com. Decatur's treaty.

My dear girls,

I have not often been so happy, as when I rec'd your letters - the first, dated Aug. 9th & 11th, on our first return to this place - & the second, dated Oct. 12th & 14th, a few days ago, since our last arrival here. In both instances they were accompanied by one from our friend Henry. On 13th of Nov. I sent you a hastily written note, referring you to Mr. Sparks for a letter containing an account of whatever had be-tided me before that time. I must now again refer you to him. I have written him a letter long enough for two or three, with a request to hand it to you. I attempted too much - to write many long letters, & time has failed me. The vessel sails this eve. & I have been engaged all the morn. in attending the funeral of Dr. Charles Dix of Boston, a young man, pupil of Dr. Ingalls, who came out in the deck for his health. Do not measure my love by the length of my letters, & my apparent neglect of writing to you. I fear several of my friends will feel wronged by my silence; but it is not the result of indifference.

Nothing very remarkable has occurred since our arrival here, which was on the last of Jan. after a delightful passage of six days from Mahon. We touched at Algiers, & remained a few hours. The bay of Algiers presents one of the finest views in the world. The hills sweep around, & form an amphitheatre. The town arises from the water, & extends back, up the side of a hill; so that you could trace all the streets, if

they were not arched over. It is white as driven snow; though the buildings are generally nothing but rude mortar & whitewash, yet the distant view of the whole is very fine. The country around is in high cultivation; or rather displays great natural fertility of soil & luxuriance of vegetation. In Jan. the fruit trees were all in blossom, spotting the green hills with white; & the air was soft & summerlike as in June with us.

Here in Gibraltar our time is much ~~not~~ taken up in entertaining company. We are regularly invited to parties, balls, &c. at Governor Don's; which, however, I rarely attend, having commonly more interesting pursuits. On the night before last was a great masquerade (as it is Carnival season) — a species of amusement forbidden by our laws on account of its immoral tendency, but very common in this part of the world. Some of our officers, who have been much among the Indians of our country, personated the character of Indian warriors to the astonishment & delight of the Europeans present.

But the pleasantest day I have pass here was spent in visiting the south part of the Rock, which I had not before explored. The road led among gardens glowing with golden oranges, & scenting the air with fragrance — through romantic defiles & passes of the Rock, whose crags were tufted with wild flowers, & resounded ~~with~~ with the echo of bugles winding at a distance. At the

Write by every opportunity if you wish my happiness. The minute I have not yet had the pleasure of hearing from you. The local situation of my friends must have prevented their using the opportunities which have occurred. But I am confident they have written to me. I write to my family by every opportunity.

southern extremity, in the side of a rock, which overhangs the sea, is a cavity called "Dead man's fall," from the petrified human bones found there. I collected several fragments completely turned to stone. Where a portion of the rock had been broken off, I discovered part of a human head, in which the brain was distinctly visible & hard as flint. They have a legend, which tells that many Moors were slain near this spot in their ancient wars with Spain. From this part you can plainly discern the houses in Ceuta, an African town on the opposite side of the straits, so narrow are they ~~here~~ at this point. Here one may see hosts of chattering apes, which breed among the rock above. The soldiers sometimes catch them, & amuse themselves with dressing them in military uniform.

We shall depart in a few days. We are laying in provisions for 4 months, & shall proceed again to the places we have visited already. As there is no probability of war with any nation, I am inclined to think we shall go the Levant, or most eastern part of the Mediterranean - return in the summer to this place - & thence proceed home. But this is mere conjecture.

I shall not reply to the contents of your letters, you know, - better than I can express them, what are my feelings. Your accounts of your dear brother's illness awakened my warmest sympathy - I hope & pray that ~~you might~~ his the partial amendment you mentioned in your last may prove the beginning of a

permanent restoration to health. Give my love to him -
I must always feel a tender interest in one so dear to
you. I would incense the fertility, but I know you
over & it - Christian pious propagation, but I believe
you have it - Remember me kindly to yr. family, Theres
Danas, Miss Gleason, &c. I sent a bottle of otto of roses to both
of you; I now send another to each. The Junks have taken
flowers; let my token be considered as more expressive
in proportion as it is more powerfully fragrant. Will
my dear Mr. take ^{care} of 12 favourite heads ~~for~~ for me, & will
let dear sister visit her to copy ~~the~~ some of them in crayons.

Miss E. W. M. Waterhouse,
Cambridge, Ms.

Feb. 15. 1817 Ms Folson

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However, that fancy

keeps firm possession of my mind. Pray can you
recollect any body I have ever seen, resembling this.
I have not learned in these Popish regions to worship pic-
tures; but yet cannot refrain from hanging this in my room as
"Madonna," sometimes exclaiming with the persons "Ave Maria!"

I have one head which I cannot send from my sight. It
is called "Melide". It is an engraving, larger as life. Have
you ever seen it? The hair is straight & glossy, parted on the
forehead ~~like~~ after the manner of the ~~the~~ Maxwells, best
beetle ~~is~~ behind with precision neatness. The face is ~~is~~
rather round. The eyes look mild & intelligent. ~~The~~ Lips & smile
blend around the eyes. But the "touch" ensemble is divine. Sometimes say-
ing I have seen the original; but that is impossible; you know. But the