

from Mrs G grandma Ware  
Ware (Mary) mother is Betsey Boston, December the 22, 1811.  
my Benjamin Waterhouse

Dear Brother;

The last letter, we received from you, was by Mr Lord in answer to ours by Mr Morrison, and we were glad that your cloak and comforters reached you safely by him. I hope you will continue to be as well pleased with your situation, as you appear to be by your letters.

I was very much obliged to you for your letter to me, but should have been much more so, had you written it plain enough for me to read, and your poetry, which was a great loss to me and quite as unintelligible.

Next week will be Christmas, and I suppose you will have a frolic, and plum pudding follows of course. I used to spend that day with Harriet, but I don't expect to this year, as we are so far from each other. Benjamin is not coming <sup>home</sup> for he has no vacation, which is a great disappointment to him and to me, as I depended upon it. John is attending Dr T's as well as the other courses of lectures which leaves him but little time to himself <sup>or friends</sup>. He is uncommonly well for winter.

As I go to school I have no more time to write, as I must get my lessons for Monday. All our family unite in love to you.

Your affectionate Sister:

Mary Waterhouse.

Andrew Oliver Waterhouse

Jan 5 1812  
This was written to carry to school, the reason of its being dated so long since.

M W

Dec<sup>r</sup>. January 15<sup>th</sup> 1812  
Here are three letters of different dates. Of the three I  
expect Mary's will be the best. I here enclose you  
a twenty dollar bill of the New London ~~branch~~ Bank  
When you need more I will send it. But you must write  
by the mail directly on receiving it, otherwise  
I shall not know if it went safe. Yesterday we had  
a letter from you by a Mr Paometer dated 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
which letter was very stormy. I sent you the Governor's  
speech two days ago. Some think he has at the  
time too high for us all to join in. He delivered it  
in a very animated manner.

I am lecturing every day. I have been to Salem every  
Friday for three weeks & vaccinated 236. Tomorrow  
I go to Marblehead for the same purpose. Tom Winthrop  
it is hardly probable <sup>not</sup> now alive, by what Dr Rush writes  
me. I entirely give over sending the horse this  
season. Hancher is at Westfield Mass. & will go  
from thence by the 20<sup>th</sup>. We are all well, and we  
have no special news, or any occurrence worth  
relating. Take care of your health, prefer every one  
to yourself, cultivate an honest independent mind  
& live happily is the wish of your affectionate father  
B. Walker

Boston Jan. 5. 1812.

My dear Andrew

We received your letter by the <sup>Post</sup> of Dec. 25. 1811 - and were very glad to hear of your good health and good progress in your studies for we think you must have improved your time to have written so much as you mentioned - All the the damage it seems that will arise from your growing so fat is to the pantaloons that however may be a serious one and at first I was quite alarmed - but when I recollect that you had a pair of leather breeches I felt quite comforted and hope that you will make use of them now as the most favourable time to wear them out - should the grey pantaloons want new linens it can be done with small expense, or should they be so much worn as to need a thorough repair you had better send them to me, when you have opportunity as it would not be worth while to (nor can you) get any to do them as I can - you have peices and can have them mended a little must make the breeches serve for cold weather with boots -

All the family are well and desire to be remembered to you as they ~~do not~~ write until some private opportunity offers your grand Mamma spends the winter with us she sends a great deal of love to you - your father has been twice <sup>to Salpon</sup> for the purpose of vaccinating sailors by Mr. Greys request as the small pox was brought in by some sailors he has done pretty well having inoculated about two hundred and is to go again next week and also to Marblehead. There has been about 70 inoculated at the house ~~since~~ we have got the great sign board up ~~sum~~ <sup>few</sup> that have paid and also for matter some thing has been received, I think it does as well as I expected - & I am in hopes it will grow better in case of war it will increase, or an accommodation with England would do as well -

Mr. Winthrop's family are in great trouble Thomas having arrived at Philadelphia from Denmark very ill and from all that we can learn he is far gone in consumption - pray my dear child while you <sup>are</sup> gaining knowledge in law gain the art of taking care of your health and this is done by gaining that most valuable art of <sup>governing</sup> ~~governing~~ yourself - Mr. Sanders enclose a letter from you and mentioned that he had seen a gentleman who had a letter from you to us but we have not received it - write often & be sure if any thing is the matter let us know, your affectionate mother E. Waterhouse

all  
from  
me

34

Andrew O. Waterhouse, Esq.



Litchfield.  
Connecticut

Recd 1997

