Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse Cambridge

Quincy 5. August 1830

Dear Sir.

If it will suit your convenience, I shall be happy to see you here next Thursday the 12th inst. or if the weather should be unsuitable for the ride the day after. It will give Mrs Adams and myself much pleasure if Mrs Waterhouse can come with you. Mrs Adams has been much of an invalid since our arrival here; but is now, and I hope will continue much better.

Your theory that Lord Chatham was the author of Junius, will have the advantage of several others on the same subject — inasmuch as it will be more difficult to prove the negative against it. Junius himself says that his secret is his own, and that it shall perish with him — Now if you nail him flat upon Lord Chatham, I put it for your consideration whether you will not convict both Chatham and Junius of shallow judgment and rashness — But perhaps the more thorough the concealment was the deeper was the penetration which detected it —

A writer in the last Quarterly Review intimates that Junius was the cause of George the third's insanity — If so, and Chatham's face lurked under the mask, it was an ill requital for a hereditary Coronet and four thousand a year.

Yours faithfully. J. Q. Adams.

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