

Andover July 5 1806

Dear Parents Mother

As I have writing to all, I must write to you ~~in~~ in one letter, or it will take more time, than I am able to bear; and you last was as unexpected, (as if you had come your self). but not so satisfactory; but we received ^{it with} more satisfaction than, we could of expected, in a letter, and it would not take so much time, to write such, every time by private hands

I believe I am in want of nothing as at present, ^{as} I remember nothing, but if you intend making any more shirts, (but I am in no want of them, and perhaps shall not be) but I remember hearing something about them, and if you do you may put on knifes in the ~~rooms~~, but still I do not want them, but it looks extremely good, to see the greatest parts ^{after repairs} with them (except the very small ones) and me without them, but if you did not intend to send any up, do not let this lead you to it, for I have not touch them that you ^{roffer} ~~roffer~~ up in a paper; as I thought it best, to use this precaution to save trouble, at some future period. But when I said I wanted nothing I forgot one thing, which was an other pair of half-gates, of some cloth, that acid will not stain, as they are very convenient indeed, on account of not taking dirt, so quick, for I can not wear a pair of socks three days, ~~or~~ and be fit to wear the fourth, and it best for, Mrs. Chandler, for she alone washes for the family, and this term we have six boarders, and that would make two pairs, of socks ^{less a week} ~~and~~ we ~~have~~ ^{have} washed two shirts more since than any other boarders.

A week from this time I was on the road to Barehill, where we arrived about 4 o'clock, and to my great surprise, we saw, ~~such~~ a bridge, which is the most complicated piece of architecture that ever I saw, it is certainly worth a ride of 40 miles instead is, the place is not the pleasantest place, on the world, in my opinion, as I expected to see a more elegant place, and a ~~horse~~ ^w bridge, but the toll was very high, indeed, and as we did not know any thing about it, we went across with the chaise, which cost us, more than two shillings, but the Merrimack is, a very barren land, as to its banks, ^{are} lined with little stunted firs, and as you rise higher, the oaks, are more stately, continually growing ~~more~~ larger, as you approach ~~and~~ over, where the oaks are of a very large size, and the one you see Mr Chandlers field which is perhaps the largest ^{white oak} in Massachusetts, if not in the United States, and at any rate the largest, by one half that ever I saw, and Daniel can describe it to you, as he saw it, when he came up here, some of the branches are as long as the height of the ~~tree~~ ^{before} tree, on house at Cambridge. The second, or ^{curiosity} as you have heard, it ought to be ranked the first is the Devil's Den, which is a stupendous rock, with deep cavity the sides of which are as steep as a house, but ~~this~~ I have not yet reviewed this precipice, and then follows Sabor's Abbot's garden, which is laid out, in the most economical manner possible, for there is 50 10 thousand fruit trees, set in rows all over the garden, which is ^{an} ~~an~~ acre and ^{between} ~~and~~ $\frac{3}{4}$ and then every other

is some of the colonial plants, together melons and every other
vegetable, and ^{lecturer} very other one to a path, excepting there is a few
beds for onions, and strawberries, the latter of which we made
private free with, at her request, and Mrs Phillips permission,
and this journey was performed on the fourth of July, which was
E Peasons birthday and we dined there upon a great variety,
(a shillings worth of ~~meat~~ lamb) for Dr ~~or~~ after which we went
in Dr Peasons chair, to see the farm where ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~high~~
infantry, and as it was not worth looking at, we repaired
to the garden, in which there was scarcely a weed, made
by a woman about 60 years old, which was a most ex-
traordinary thing, and the trees and c seemed to grow better
under her care than any body else. She ~~showed~~ ^{showed}
us all round the garden, and invited us to the higher
strawberries, of which there was, bushels, after which we
returned to the Dr's where we drank tea and stayed
until the clock struck nine, and then returned home,
and went to bed, tired enough, the ~~very~~ hot day.

As I have written enough and enough for
you to read it I am sure I shall

I am with respect and gratitude
your ever affectionate son

W. M. W.

M^{rs} Elizabeth Waterhouse

Wm
D Pearson

Cambridge



HMS
C 173

Philadelphia Feb 7 24

1813

Dear Mother

The waivcoats suit very well & please me much as coming from my Dear Mother. I made by her hands. I want much mending & this you are much wiser by men

I wish you could come to Phil^a to be acquainted with some ^{of the} good women. Really you would be delighted & I am sure they would be pleased, or else my love has blinded my eyes, so that I can't judge of you.

Mrs D^r Love is a fine woman. Go there, the children come forward & bow - and say how do you do. ^{say} & behave as if their mother deserved that exalted title. Mrs Currier is a good sort of woman. It is quite like going to school when I go there - Mrs Otto. is another good natured woman. - In fact to give the apparent character of the Ladies I am acquainted with would be giving you a very favourable account of this city. I know that if you should ever come here, which I hope you may, you would be as enthusiastic in its

praises as the Philadelphians are of Boston -
I really quarrel with them about sociability,
I give them a better character than they think
belongs to them

How is Grandmother? I hope she has
entirely recovered. Give my love to her, I hope she
will enjoy better health after this sickness -
who lives with her?

The letter informing me of the prize
gained gave much more pleasure from being
signed J. Jackson. The advertisement has
been in the city papers.

Uncle B. forgets that I only take
up my pen, now & then, as just before dinner
or just before lecture, as I sat in the cold -
When I write to one I do to all, save in this
case.

I have surely got rid of a bad cold
the second only for this winter, which is
miraculous. I am sure I was never better
for which I give thanks. Dr. Bush
mentioned them out of your 360 none
had died.

Monday March 1. 1813. Dr. Bush Physick, Cox &
James have terminated their lectures. And tomorrow
Dr. Boston will, & Dr. Winter with the next day. There

commence the trying out of the students.

I shall want some pantaloons, made long enough
to go over the knee of lace about ankle. I mean to have
both my pantaloons taken in about the knee. I have not
worn small cloths but once. & I shall ^{not} many times I
think. all the lecture have terminated save Dr Wislar
who gave three yesterday & will have given 3
to day. The examination commences soon but I do
not expect to be examined under the fourth week
perhaps later. They are slow.

March 12th. The lectures have now been finished
nearly a week. This letter has been long
written - I shall soon be at leisure.

I am your Obedt Servant

W. H. W. W.

HMS
C 17-3

Mr. Elizth Waterhouse
Milk St
Boston



Philadelphia May. 15th, 1813

Dear Mother

This moment I have finished reading your affectionate letter dated May 11th. Altho' it was unexpected, the pleasure it gave me, as coming from my dear mother, could not have been augmented. Had it been greater I could only have paced the room - could not have sat down to answer it. - As to the answer of questions - I had your letter before me and answered all. The silk coat I really think you can apply to some other purpose, with more advantage than either for a coat or waistcoat for me. - A coat (black American cloth) is to be sent home this night. Price 20 Dollars. The thread is as fine as the one I have, & the wool is true merino - exceeding soft. I have it of a man whom I know makes for several gentlemen & I believe it will come only 10 Dol. cheaper than at the Chestnut St. Tailors. The Pantaloon must be altered & they will not be until I see how the fashion is to be. - The waistcoat could not have set better. A Reason for not wishing the silk coat is that it is too sumptuous. Read over again Mr Collins' story of Dr Barton in my Capt. I do not know that I want any thing but what you are preparing. As to the Coats, before mentioned, do nothing about it. I suppose I have not my complement of white stockings (cotton.) I count five pair. My grey pantaloons out at the knees, but they are on notwithstanding. (and north easterly weather). I can't spare them. They will serve me in bad weather, especially as I shall be in much business soon. I have nothing which is useful to me except the wollen waistcoat, which I will send - will you send a few specimens of Green Japonalise - the poorest, not from the shelves but from the forms & upon the the case which contains the shells. I want

My best respects to Mr Magellan. I have not taken the room; but care to bring myself about the important steps to day. - so that I can't answer all the questions.

such as are small, not so big as my first having
the crystals impeded in the Luccate. — To give
away. They are however of minor importance. As to
my health — well enough. Got a little cold — and
having been out two evening running feel only a
little dull. No city perhaps in the Union is more
healthy than this — so says Dr. Rush — Any where I
am as much exposed to old Bone bones as here
so let not that give you any increase. I shall be upon
the look out for Mr Gray & Mr Gerry. I want to know
how to make adhesive plaister? — Send the Spring
Lancet. Opium and whatever you may think proper.
I do not know but that I am making a desperate plunge
to commence practice, and I have taken such a step as
will call forth my industry, resources and firmness.
I feel yet that stimulus, which by the way you need
not have mentioned, for it has had more influence than any
thing else in making my grand Resolve. I want one of
another kind, by which I may be impelled never to lapse
a minute. I can sit and talk after dinner & can come
in to the room when I enter the house & talk awhile, when
I ought to be upstairs. There now is nothing to urge
present exertions. There is nothing to systematise my
thoughts & actions. When one says. What say for a walk
I am taken from my books. I thousand little things pull

from what I wish. I have 5 patients with this pack ^{of this more!} ~~in~~ one ^{and a half} to be vaccinated with the measles. And I shall be getting more daily.

I want to know how father make adhesive plaster - Send the Spring lancet. Every man uses it. I bled a man to day with a thumb lancet. Just had (Mon. Morn. May 17th.) the patriot. I really can't see not understand why those gentlemen published that letter

A conveys no new idea, but confirms what had be asserted. Had any person seen the cabinet after the careful examination of the form? they would have supposed that the "physical strength" of Dr Wedder had be exerted in attempting to systematise the cabinet by "conception", according to the sage idea of the judge. His idea must have been that, if motion was given to the minerals, an elective attraction would bring ~~minerals~~ ^{those} of the same kind together, and ~~they~~ separate the foreign from the native; and this really seemed to have taken place for the fine specimens of carbonate of Lead & Phosphate of Lead, had come against each other with force to the great injury of the acicular crystals. The Carbonate of Copper suffered likewise from ~~this attraction which they had for each other~~ ^{or from} this

cumulative attraction. The trituration which they underwent was manifested by the fragments of crystals, which were scattered over the blue paper. You well recollect how they were heaped on each other, and that you requested the President to see the cabinet, ~~but~~ ^{without} which he, ~~with~~ ^{giving} ~~out~~ any reason, delayed for several days during which time the shelves were brushed down & the minerals placed in some order. When you were allowed to see it again they were in a very different state. Do you recollect the curious apology for ordering the minerals which belonged to the cabinet & which were on your house to be returned. This order was repeated & reiterated ~~that~~ ^{that} you attend the keys & delivered that you had none other than the last order.

I am of the committee of arrangements
I wish to respect to Dr Wedder
I wish to respect to Dr Wedder

They said that they had no idea that you had any in your possession, but that not finding them labelled, they were not considered in the cabinet, and that is, not being labelled, tho' they had no doubt but that they were in the cabinet, yet they were not ^{there}, but they were in your house. They derived locality to about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the B's because they with great care over looked them, & their labels. I could not understand this logic till I read "Think It myself", when I found like him, I did not know the world. I felt irritated. I felt disrespectful - I hope I did not show it - As long as the constitution of things remain the same. I shall disrespect those who conduct thus. - What I find lesson to a young man ^{susceptible of impressions} was this -

Q

Mrs Elizabeth Waterhouse

Milk St

Boston



from a Judge - From a Divine & President of the Univ. of - will you have our Resolutions published as they appear in the Aurora - signed - John Croghan - Chairman & J. Waterhouse Secy. we wrote them together.

HMS
C. 17.3

Dear Mother

Oct 27 1814



Mr Bassett will I hope have you
this - I am well & he will tell you so. He
goes on business and will only stay a short
time - send by him all the letters you have
had written to send by Mr Spring and by
Mr Gerry. ~~one packet~~ ~~remained~~ ~~the~~ ~~great~~
advantage, altho I am pretty well off -

Harold I want ~~to~~ ~~send~~ ~~you~~ ~~some~~ ~~idea~~ ~~of~~ ~~opening~~
this season

The communication by ~~John S. Waterhouse~~ ~~109~~ ~~173~~
private persons ~~By the Postoffice~~ ~~of~~ ~~Wm~~ ~~Wyer~~ ~~at~~ ~~Philadelphia~~
seems more ~~difficult~~ ~~than~~ ~~usual~~ ~~at~~ ~~Philadelphia~~

more difficult. My ~~last~~ ~~letter~~ ~~from~~ ~~you~~
was on the fourth page of others not less acceptable
that a longer - This day is very beautiful

and beauty blooms along our streets
My last to you & father was by mail. Your
last was long ago, near a month

Your affectionate son
The letter by mail was no longer
gone together ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~time~~ -

J.W.

HMS
C17.3

I would write to Mr Brimmer but
have not time - much engaged. I proce-
dure wish but poor - Mr regard the Com-
pliments as they may be due to that
journey I all these - I have written the
manuscripts M L B - -

Wm Basset Esq
Wm B

Cambridge

Wm Bell Waterhouse



Dear Mother

I now think that you have the catalogue of my wants. Mr Greaves has not arrived with letters. I enjoy in anticipation a letter from my adored mother. I see people here that there are no such mothers in their city or sisters, and true it is, the most miserable contrivers, and awkward executors. I wish I could, that the lady, whoever she may be, might be under your tuition, before she become my wife.

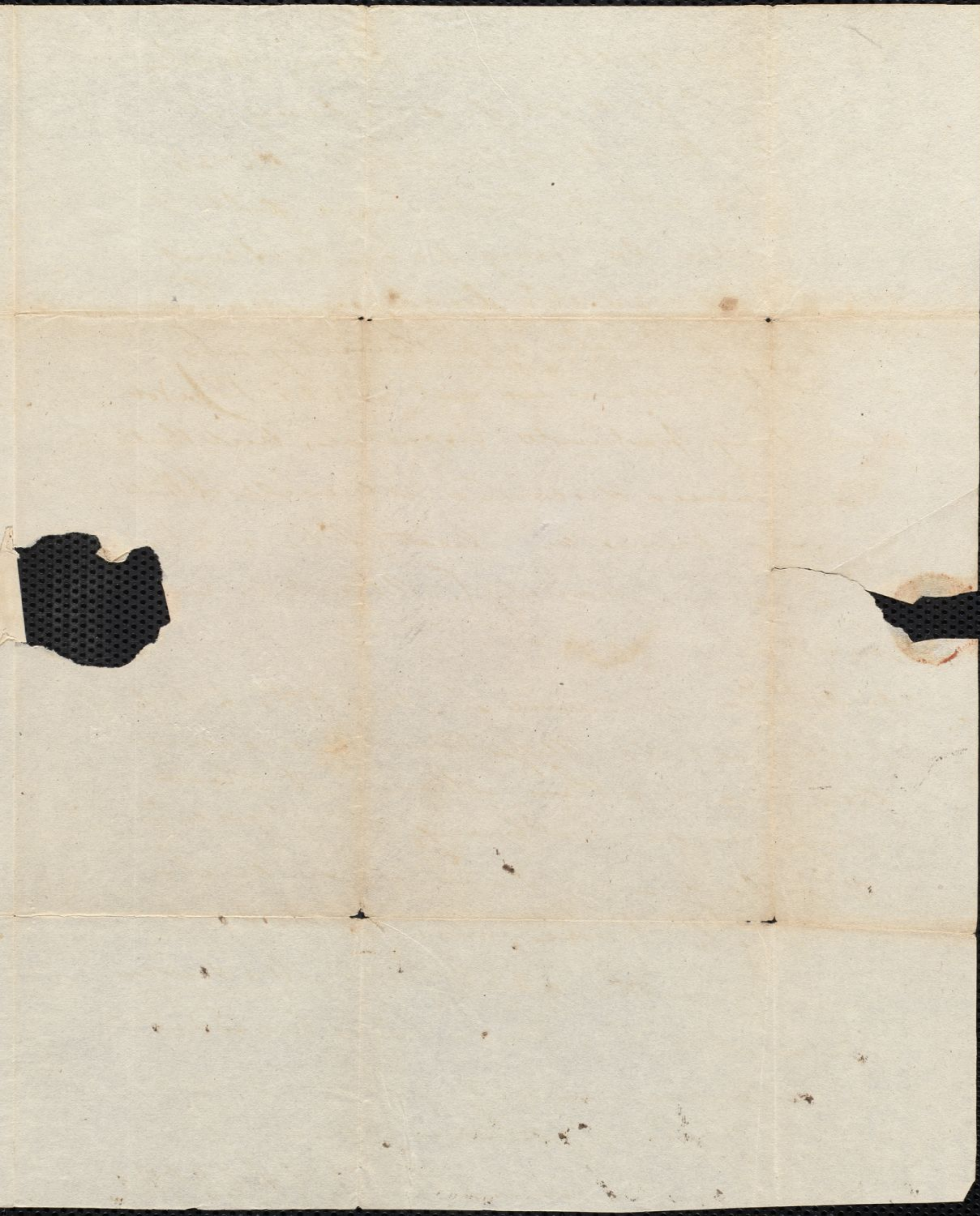
The habits of Industry seems to be getting in to fashion in this city, at least among my friends. I laugh at them, if they lay aside their work, as is the custom, when a gentleman calls. They think it a recommendation to dis-
puse work. I tell them that is a disparagement to a lady's character.

My prospects, my Dear, Another
brighten, I feel as if e'er long I
may be able to retaliate the ob-
ligations which I always felt I
was under to my parents & my
sister. (I say sister because Mary
has not had the opportunity nor
ability ^{as yet} to serve us all as has B. Not
that my parents increase, but that
I have never deserved it will I that
they who know me best, like me best.
This is not vanity (I speak to my
mother)

April 4th - Mrs Currie & Mrs Otto & Miss
Morton & c & c Miss Clarke enquired
after my mother, whom they look
upon as something very great
this day - I am upon such
a high horse, my spirit is
rising with good old Madeira
from Mr C. that my head is
in a hurry -

Your affectionate Son

Mr Brown you told me
and it is now cut -



HMS
C. 17. 2

Ms Elizabeth Waterhouse

Ms Brown Cambridge

Dear Mother

Feb. 20th 1815

Rec^d a letter my mail with the mark of of them
thence upon it, also two or three by Mr Gay and one by
Mr Knight last week - I shall answer them all I
now as they may require. - Mr Knight is just
what you saw him and his manner of talking by you
about me was just like him. I read that part to the
family and it was so characteristic that they laughed
most heartily.

You mentioned almost all our friends in
yours - and I am willing to allow you to return them
Mr Brewer & daughter I have Mr A B - Mr Inghes I
was grieved at his bereavement and you know
that of all ladies of our acquaintance Mr Inghes is or
was the most agreeable. How are all the little ones
the little stealers &c. Miss Gleason - Miss Rowes -
Deacon and Mr Walton. Dr & Mr Wellington Mr
Garnett. The Revd T. B. G and Lady - Mr & Mrs Graige -
Capt Dana and family - You mention Dr Folw-
ergills muff. It would be a curiosity here where
he is so much esteemed. The wax work vine is
here abundant it is the Celastrus scandens. I shall
attend to the business of Com^{rs} Rodgers. I saw him at
Mrs Wiggins Ball in full uniform - Gen Brown
was there and Loring Austin his aid - There were
12 Yankees present. - When I say I am well and
am so. when I say nothing, I am so well as to
forget it. I have just gotten thro' a cold, but it
was not severe. Am in prime order.

I have now to state my idea of my own situation. It could not be better. Surely more money might be gotten but still my standing in the good society of this city is most excellent and if I can but float thro' the next year I shall help myself. Very little money comes in. Now and then a dollar but sometimes I am without a cent. Still I keep and act as if I was the son of Gerard & many think me only a little economical as are my fellow the Yankees. And what is astonishing your son is said to be very prudent and exemplary & no one can say aught against him. I have had always the impression that I was to practice among the first people and so I will. My patents are very numerous and they are poor. I think that my acquaintance with Mr. Rains has been the main cause of all my (or nearly all of my) good acquaintances. Thro' him I became Dr. Mease's assistant & that did me immense service. Then I became member of the Society thro' him and that made me a lecturer on Botany and the advantages of that are such as you have no idea of, not knowing the genius of this people. Yet notwithstanding all this and double the present advantages, would I leave it and go to Europe had the first opportunity. I have always had a wish to go & would I pinch all round to get there. When I

came back then all my advantages would burst
upon me and I be no loser. — These are mere
speculations — would if I could's!

Peace has again returned to our country and
hope plenty with it. Our short war has been a
glorious one. Ever after this shall I be proud
to call myself an American. We have done
better than we could have even wished. The
peace is most equitable and the defeat at
New Orleans has been such that no nation will
after this have the temerity attack us, even
when not fortified. Our illumination was
fine but too soon. This is preparatory to some-
thing more important at present. — Water car-
riage is now easy or will be very soon.
Your health is bad and I am fully satis-
fied will be much improved by spending a
summer spring here. — You will find homes
in abundance. Mr Atherton has already in-
vited you and Mr D Currier and you will
find yourself among a glorious people — and
will soon say begone dull care. This you
have already thought of; The expense would be
trifling. I should want many things by the
same kind of conveyance. You can now
send what you please — Minerals are of minor
importance

(July: 26 1805.) I left off by at the most important part of my letter, that which concerns your coming to this City. I have not yet mentioned the probability of your coming, but I intend it. Mrs. Otto's I learn to day has lost her sister. The propriety of coming by water seems evident. The roads are bad, & really dangerous and besides the benefit of being in an entire new situation might be inestimable. Mr. Robins will be the bearer of this and his health is better but his attack has been very severe and in my opinion the treatment has been severe.

The cold was so severe that the frost killed the plants and ruined the hopes of many of our ladies. Ateldam is so cold as to freeze ink, plants &c in the houses. The ladies were no muffs, and seldom mokassins, and of all the ladies who went to St. Augustines this morning to hear "Te Deum" for peace only two had wollen coats and they were the Swedish ladies, the Miss Larso's. I never have we had such a winter, so much sleighing snow wet and slush. It is almost ankle deep to day.

The music at St. Augustines was very fine, but it reminded me of the Theatre. Mr. Knight said that it done "with untold violence; it was storming Heaven". Drums, French horns, flutes, violins, &c. full choir. Quite deafning.

HMS
C 173

Phil: June 14th 1815.

My Dear Mother,

Your letters by Mr Gilman gave me much pleasure. They afforded much consolation and now since the peace establishment has retailed to father the Hospital of the District I feel confident you will be happy. Physical causes have a great effect upon humane actions. Remember them, ~~of~~ man acts like the humane.

You seem to think that I am unhappy. Not so! When I am not more so, I can't say. I would do no good. When less cheerful I was less pleasing to my friends, so that I was mortified on all sides by derisive sneers. I have changed much since you have seen me. None of your head hanging bashful bodies now. If I had a little more money I should not even be uneasy but it does not trouble me. I take care and I keep good cloaths to my skin and trust to God for the rest. I wear the best of stuff, but not made to the height of the fashion. I have the reputation of dressing very neatly. My coat is fald nice a home & I wear an old grey, which has been worn for the purpose. ~~Steeking~~ I really want. Mine have been damaged until darning does no good.

With regard to my situation, if you love me &
can rejoice at my happy prospect, partake of my
joy. Next Saturday I shall have been in practice
two long years and have some families, many
patients and many good friends and such as have
introduced me into the best families, and you would
be much pleased with the respect which is shown
me & I assure you that I not because I have
pushed myself and been the gallant, because
their attention increases. And I find the conver-
sation with sensible people induce more attention,
this gives me courage, you may depend.

MS
C 173

~~Waterhouse~~

Cambridge
Mass

to
the
honorable
the
Secretary
of
the
War

My Dear Mother.

Nov^r. 12th. 1815.
Wahmut St N^o. 119.

I shall begin and answer the letters sent by Mr. Moses Randall in succession. You will give my love to Grandmother and Aunt K and the rest of them in the first place. My best compliments to Miss Gleason. I wrote to Mr. Appleton not long since, but he can hardly have received it. Mr. Drury & Lady always ask after you and send their best regards. Mr & Mrs Atherton enquire also particularly and Mrs Jones & Miss Levy - Also the Count St. James's are also well. Mrs Clarke has been confined with Pleurisy a long time & poor Catharine is now very sick. The Influenza has made many very sick. Mrs Atherton has kept her bed a week and will probably some days longer. It has given the Dr^s business! Many have died. I called last evening to see Mr. Norton and she enquired very feelingly of ^{you} Mrs Betty looks as innocent as ever. Peter wishes me to write about my baby particularly. Miss Howards has really gained my esteem. My best respect and wishes to Mr. Gilman. I have sent no letters by Packet. You need not send any cloathing. You must not work any for me particularly as I am not in want. Peter I fear is too much confined for her health. I wish she could take a certain walk every day of her life.

I have written particularly about the letters necessary to Andrews admittance to the bar. Mr Geo. Sullivan will no doubt tell you all that may be necessary. The more the better. Andrew is now attending at Mr Judge Badgers office, to do justice business when the Judge is in Court. It may bring him some thing. Letters, recommendations! Important immediately.

Attend to this business!

Present my best respects to Mr Folsom. I can't forget
him also to Saml L. Dana. Tell him I expect
to see him here before two years are out. As he yet
is in commission. Suggest to Dr Randall and Father
the Structura Valeriana for yourself. Many you
used. Affafostida Pills. How did the Lozenges
suit. Mrs. Dearborn was very attentive as also
the Gov. I shall send a box of Pecco tea said
to be first quality. She insisted upon my taking
a nine pence which I paid to get into the hospital.
I concluded that I would place it among my coin,
so there is there he.

Betsy's account of the state of your health
is very good and encouraging and I feel happy
at her recital of symptoms. She must write them as
they occur for my solace. Many symptoms are
alleviated and others occur which are not alarming
Betsy's health may suffer!

Tell Betsy that S. L. Dana was not en-
gaged to Theodora but was violently smitten
with Del^l. Hammond and he wrote a most dis-
mal letter to me when she was married. He said
he never would think of another, which I believe de-
tained him longer in the Army than he deserves
(Nov. 14th 1815.) Rec^d father's letter by mail enclosing
20. T. N. You need be under no apprehension
about us. I have friends here and powerful ones too.
I suspect that the Influenza is now upon you
& that it will hold you longer than anybody
else.

Your well recollect the mayors you were affected
last year. This may be the same. Dr. Norton has
been scarified in the eyes and ulcerations followed
and he is supposed recovering and altho the papers
have published his death, he is now expected in
the city. Dropsy in females is not half so
alarmy as in males. I say Sydenham, Rush
and others.

Mr. Hancock was going so long that I
sent the letters by other persons and he will give
none. And Dearborn took the Pills.

My standing in this city, my Dear mother,
is better and better. Better than I had in my most
sanguine moments supposed and I anticipate with
much pleasure the return of your health that
may realize my anticipations and see me en-
joying the confidence of the citizens. A Lady of
my considerable rank, I dare not mention her name
was unwell and the family were alarmed, her Physⁿ
was out and they told me afterwards that they
were upon the point of sending for me, which was as
great a compliment as could be paid upon a young
man. The other day I had some business with a
man who is worth an immense fortune. He made
this Spring of 300,000 by one sale. I left my card
saying I would call at 7 o'clock. I went, he was out
being a man of strict habits of business, as I found. When I
went I found that the lady had given orders to the servant
to ask me in. I was conducted into a spacious & most
elegant room glistening with gilding & full lighted.

Before I thought that I was in the house of the richest man in South's city
 except Girard, who carries out the old U.S. Bank establishment all
 alone, I felt as if in an enchanted castle. I looked about in
 astonishment. It was the richest room I ever saw. The Lady
 appeared & called me by name and bid me sit and with
 great freedom entered into conversation. I went to the Gentle
 counting house and he received me with great cordiality and
 among other things said that Mrs. ——— seeing my card
 asked "do you D.V. ——— what does he want. He is a
 man of great promise" &c. &c. She had probably never
 seen me — My business was something of no consequence to him

30

NOV 20 1840

Mrs. Elizabeth Waterhouse

Cambridge Mass:



something that Mr Hains had been planning. He pays Mr
 Hains \$100 per an. for his counting house. Mr H's is your
 full of his notions. ——— we neither of us owe a weeks
 board — all paid up — Our chief anxiety is for you,
 whom we feel confident we shall see much better
 in health, next summer, which that God my grant is
 the earnest prayer of yours I feel from
 W.B. and Mrs. Gibbs like to all I present
 the same for ever. B.M. D B d c d B h Grandmother.

HMS
 C 17.3