

Boston November 1818.

Dear Andrews,

Henry received your letters from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Since he has been absent, your third from Wheeling has arrived - I am glad to hear that you have travelled so far, with so little inconvenience. I hope that W. is better for your health than you found Pittsburgh to be, and that the asthma has left you. I hope you will find it pleasant to stay, and that you will prosper there, and be happy. Write as soon as you determine, what track you shall pursue. If it is the daughter of James Davis you are with, remember me to her. I saw her at New Bedford, and liked her much.

We have heard from Benjamin only once since you left. He wrote low spiritedly of his health, and talked of going farther South. We have suffered a great deal from not hearing again, for it is now three months since his letter was dated. If he was sick it seems as if some one would have written for him, if he was able, that he himself would have done it. I have hoped to hear, till I am almost sick of hope.

Henry has gone on to preach a few Sundays at Baltimore in the New Unitarian Church - visiting New York, Phila: and Washington on his way - I suppose he talked ~~of~~ before you went, of going. He is very much pleased so far, and I hope will gain health and strength, for a great while - Elizabeth has not become strong yet - but I hope winter will enervate and strengthen her. Little John grows finely. He is 3 months tomorrow. We think he is as heavy as we can tend now, if he grows as he has done, I don't know what we shall do -



The folks are well, and as usual, at home. I have not very lately heard from Grand Mother. She was well when I did.

Thanksgiving is almost here - What the Virginians never knew, but I suppose the plum puddings will reach them bye and bye. All our friends are well, and we have nothing new or wonderful - except the burning of the Exchange which I suppose you have heard of. It burnt entirely down, and without injuring any thing else.

Write soon, and often. We shall wish to hear - your  
Mary Waterhouse.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>th</sup>

Dear Andrew.

We are very glad to hear of your safety so far & that you have a prospect before you, pleasant, & profitable, & if 'tis Patience Graham you are with, you could not be in better quarters. My regards to her, tho' I never saw her. Is there any thing in that part of the world Daniel could succeed in -

We feel very anxious for Ben, tho' we have only heard from him once since you went, & all he said then was that he had not got up again from that fever, but he had flesh, colour & good appetite, he had then one of the worst colds he ever had, & cough, which we feared were all unfavorable symptoms, yet he may be quite well now, & why we don't hear I know not. Henry preaches this day in the little Unitarian meeting house. Tho' I have not heard from him since his arrival there, will be absent 6 weeks -



Mr. Harris mentioned your being there in her last letter  
& I mentioned where you were in my letter to A - so that  
he will tell her - My little one, is well & much im-  
proved since you saw him, he begins to play with your  
rattle, & I dare say will learn many little tricks before  
his father's return. We have received all your letters, in  
a shorter time than I expected, & I hope you'll continue  
to write, what you are doing, & where you are &c -

Your A. to, C. W. W.

then we hear from her - she will write agai



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Boston, December, 22. 1821

My dear brother,

We were glad to hear from your letter lately received that you were well and happy, and a Col. Major, Captain &c. We had only heard by the way of Benjamin when you were or or what you were doing, and of course did not know where to direct our letters. I do not know as I have any thing new to tell you. Grand Mother has not been here for some time, we expected her, but I suppose she has by this time concluded not to come, as the season is so far advanced. The folks at Cambridge are well, I am there and here. Papa was left out of the Army by the last organization, and has no business. Mr. Bartlett died about two months ago, leaving affairs in a very deranged state, his debts amounting to upward of five thousand dollars, and what is worse, Mrs. Katy has lost by him the little property which supported her, and I do not know what she will do, she is not able to support herself, and I don't know who can or will afford her assistance. If you make a fortune, I hope you will remember her. Mr. Tolson has returned from the Mediterranean where he has been for five years, and now he is chosen Latin tutor at Cambridge, where he will probably remain. He has seen a good deal in his absence, but has not accumulated any money. He was two years Consul at Tunis.



Sunday 23. We have not heard from Benjamin for some weeks. I find by the papers that he has lost another kind friend by the death of Dr. Chisholm, in whose family he has frequently been, but I believe he had long been labouring under some complaint which he did not expect to survive. Benjamin has lost several of his best friends since he has been in Charleston.

Christmas is just at hand. Thankgiving just past. They talk metamorphosing Boston into a city and suppose it will be done after a few more debates have occurred.

We shall be glad to hear of your success and health whether by land or sea - General or Commodore - your sister

Mary Waterhouse

Dear Brother,

I suppose Mary's modesty prevents her telling the only piece of news that she is particularly interested in, that is the ordination of William Ware, pastor over the new society New York, where Henry has preached. It took place last Tuesday, Dr Ware preached, he has returned but Henry is still there, & will remain till New Year. I don't know as you have ever been told that Mary was engaged to William, & they will probably be married in the course of a year, prospects very good. delightful society, 1500 a year to be increased when they are able - It is a pretty sober thing for us to have them go so far, but then 'tis so much better than a country parish that we try to be resigned - Grandmother has not been here since you carried



her home in a waggon, we have expected her this  
fall but now I suppose she will not come it  
is so late, our winter so far is remarkably open  
but a great deal of rainy bad weather

I am glad you are growing rich so fast, it is  
more than any of the best of us are doing - if we  
just rub it go - we think ourselves fortunate, so I hope  
you'll not forget us in your abundance

My children are in fine health &

John is as delightful a child as you  
ever saw, he is full of spirit & activity

& the little girl is very much such a  
child as Mary was, very delicate &

beautiful - Henry's health is much

better this season, frequent journeys keep him  
up - I am frail as ever, confined to the house  
much of my time

Dr John Ware will  
be married in the Spring I suppose, Harriet  
is spending the winter with us - Lucy & Mary  
are well, two children a piece - We should have

written before but knew not where to direct -  
Now I don't know how we shall make out as  
your letter is at Gen & we can't remember

You must write often

C. W. -



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From Mary & Elizabeth  
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