

Wednesday Even. 23rd

Dear John

It is no more than justice to inform you, that I was much gratified by your last letter; it was not only well expressed, but it was a decent & spirited vindication of what you conceived an unfounded accusation. I like to see a person vindicate himself with energy. I love to see energy in every thing, even in quarreling. Alexander conquered the world by energy - Caesar attained the height of power & glory by energy. Bonaparte holds the ~~reign~~ reins of Europe by energy. Nothing can be attained worth acceptance without energy; every thing within the circumference of human power can be acquired by energy. It is the will; the desire that raises one man above another. - It is not good luck but energy -

I have copied part of your letter into C. - drew's, because I thought it just; but I hope that it will create no dispute; for he in return must write freely his criticism on you. Your letter was well written, & better than common; because you at that moment feel the requisite portion of energy. When you feel energetic write again to your affectionate
father
B. W. Waterhouse

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To ^{val}
The Energetic John S. Waterhouse
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