

William Fisher denies his respect, & Mr. Lumiere Mr. Otto & Dr. Wistar - They is Diskey
is almost every family. I am acquainted with Dr. & Dr. Spierent. visiting them
I may return with the Gen. Mr. Gardner, I talked of coming on with - and Miss Byrnes -

present and I would not even detail the business and never will but
to her alone, and I know that she blames herself and does not
blame me at all. All that both pretends to say was wrong
in my conduct was that I did not tell them immediately that
she had arrived. Had I done it I should have been a
fool and a coward. I know I did right. I have blamed
myself for not persisting in having a letter of invitation and
said so to her friends. They said "No Dr. the intimacy between
you warranted it. You were not wrong." Her own friends say
it. Some of them censure her & him much more than I
do.

Elizabeth's visit has been truly of advantage to
her, but the above circumstance not so much of a lesson
as you have supposed, for there has been nothing morally
or religiously wrong.

I do not agree with you that your children
have been too much indulged. You left perhaps too
much of the management to mother. Being engaged in
your own room. - You say that you are not
an illtemper'd man - true - Your situation in Cam-
bridge has always be disagreeable & such an one as
I hope never will be my lot. I now wonder that
you ever was good natured. Your struggle thro'
life has been hard.

Andrew does nothing and is entirely de-
pendent upon me, with all his whims & caprices.
not in the least improved ^{from} having seen your people - He
insist upon his being the son of Washington and has
told many people of it, and has completely destroyed
all hope of doing any thing in his profession in this
city. He must not lean upon me any longer
I can't pay my own way, much less his. My bills
are constantly returned ~~off~~ unpaid & I can't raise
money by any means. He wishes to go out to sea
and he may possibly get a place as Captains mate.

John told me last night Andrew had lost him 400 \$ and
I am here, he has much in debt, & he could not do any longer

Daniel is now 24 and certainly ought to be doing something
"Don't be in a hurry." "There is no opening yet" and such
like things will injure him essentially. One of your letters
which contained such things concerning Andrew put him
back completely. He was studying and making every
interest to enter at the Bar and would have been there
before this, but your letter threw him back and he has
done any since more 5 or 6 months

April 14. 1816. We have received letters by Langdon, Cothe, Caldwell
and by mail of March 26th. Elizabeth had been at Mr Robeson for
a few days and was returned to day. I wrote to Jacob Clark res-
pecting that he might have a berth for Andrew but none
can be obtained. My engagements in any profession have
kept me very busy lately, but now there is nothing urgent,
and the difficulty of getting money from any body is very
great. Every profession or business is impeded by those
difficulties, which the national Bank nor any thing
can speedily alter

John Wadsworth April the 13th 1816

Dear Father,

John left me this letter last night - to finish
but we are so full of yearly meeting, I was afraid I should
not have a chance - I spent most of last week at Andrew
Robeson's, our intention was to have rode about the country; but it
rained all the time, & I had so bad a cold I was not fit for any
thing - Our family is crowded with Quakers, I shall go to Newbern
if I am well enough this afternoon - He lost his youngest child
a week yesterday - they break up house keeping next week, & all
come here, & in June, Jane will go to N. Y. to spend the Summer
We have written to Mr Byrnes, & Jacob Clark, respecting Andrew.
I were a little flattered, but all prospect has vanished now.
I feel anxious indeed, & it will not do to wait, & hope, & do nothing
John told me, last night, Andrew had lost him 400 \$ and
I am here, he has much in debt, & he could not do any longer

He told A. - This morning, that he must take care for himself
&c. - A. seems to have some notion of going into the country, where he
can board cheaply - & continue the study of law, John tells him
he must take a school; but he says he has plans of his own
which he will not communicate to either of us - I should converse
with Preben freely; but derangement is a hereditary in his family

Two letters by post
from the West from Philadelphia

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Doctor Benjⁿ Waterhouse

Cambridge (Mass:)

early
Waterhouse family
letters
Mary, Elizabeth
Andrew & John
While engaged



And in his present state of mind, his thought - best not to mention it -
I never knew, whether he answered your letter; but if he did not
that was the reason, he has thought much of it - on John's account
I don't know how John keeps up - I can do nothing, if Andrew goes
into the country he wants some things necessary - I have only 3 dollars
& that is all he have had among us for some time - I am as much
averse to his returning to C. - as you can be - I never shall consent to
it - & it is certain he cannot enjoy ease, or health, while he re-
mains as he is - Business of all kinds is very dull in this City
unusually so - His very sickly; but nothing alarming -

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Phil. April 9th 1815

Mr Dear Parents

Mr McKenny who brought your letter is indeed a gentleman & I only regret that you did not see more of him. I spent the evening with him twice among our friends, in Front St and really his manners are such that he wins everyone.

I have rec'd letters by Mr Gay, books &c. also by Mr Bigelow and by Mr McKenny. The packet by Mr Cranston is now in New York. Mr M. K. saw him and was almost upon the point of taking the packet but supposing Mr C a safe conveyance did not.

Mr Robbins Mr Gray & Mr Townsend took letters and that will be by Mr Winthrop or Mr Bigelow -

I shall want for this summer a pair of white nankeen & a pair of yellow and two waistcoats and a pair of cravats and that will be all, but they must come soon if not say so, because I can get them here.

Dr Tilton was in the city and he was very solicitous about getting a place for father and consulted me about it.

Mr Francis Gray & Mr Tinknor were in great charge here and they deserved it much.

May 4th Mr McKenny saw Mr Gilman who delivered the letter & buds in order. I never found him out I am told last evening at Mr Hodge's house introduced to his father.

Dr Faucher is an excellent friend, but his ideas are not all practicable, nor are they by any means expedient, always. His idea of my going to London will do to amuse him and to talk and write about but be assured without a very advantageous offer I would not go - wanted by no means a linguist may advantages here, which are every day improving and will work out much comfort and reputation if I but behave as I have done. Besides I am fully persuaded that I should not gain much from going. When I have been ten years in practice there I can go and can not but gain much advantage. My observations will be greater and I shall be enabled to account better for my time.

As to marrying I begin seriously to fear that I shall not ever marry because it requires too much time and I have none to spare. I can assure you, altho' I write much about ladies yet that letter of yours often drives me from them, and I am considered as privileged to go and come as I please as a Doctor -

I read Cobbet's essays and hear them much talked
of at the Jones's. I see all the Boston papers
at the Athenaeum.

I have had no fire since the 1st of March
and have not worn a waller waistcoat but
about a week this past winter. The last fortnight
has been wet and damp, rainy but not cold.

You ask how does Mr C — and his
family? This family is one poor spoiled good
natured daughter, whom the world gave to me,
but I married rather many one of more interesting
qualities. Money and an excellent Father alone could
tempt me, was at Dr Winter's last Sunday evening.
All your friends ask after you and many whom
you never saw. Was at meeting with Mrs.
Otto this afternoon.

I should be glad of some things from home
by water as soon as possible. First everything
referring to Botany, because I am going on
alone. Mr Correa is commencing likewise. I
wish to have a list of your foreign Correa =
providents with their place of residence.

Mr Collins lent me \$150 and
was punctually paid.

The list of books I have already sent - Do not forget the list of correspondents.

I am worried that mother can't enjoy this climate so mild in comparison with yours. The sooner she comes the better. I have written fully upon that subject and hope that my wishes maybe accomplished. My best endeavours shall be exerted.

I have mentioned Mr. Beasley in my letters to my sisters, but I have not I believe introduced him to my father. He is Provost at the University, a man of learning and of good talents and of extensive family connections. His wife is a very intelligent & well informed lady and with all a lively industrious house wife and her sister is her equal. Mr Collins says he never met with a finer girl. He was astonished that she was so smart & better ⁱⁿ informed than his daughter. I have at your recommendation commenced Patronage which will be of infinite service to ~~me~~ scarcely a page but brings an useful moral to my heart and Mr Percys retirement & conduct would do any person good.

prospect. Nothing more charming in the world than
the sight of the flower. Nothing was ever there & did
every thing. & nothing will be more pleasing to my audience
August 4th than that I should say nothing more about it.

Nelumbium Speciosum alias Nymphaea Nelumbium.
Calyx tetrapetalous, leaves one inch, perianthium of the
fructification. Corolla polypetalous about 20 -
length of each petal about 4 inches, white tinged with
yellow. Stamina many, about one inch. Filaments
filiform compressed, not half the length of the stamens.
Anthers, two celled, opening at the side & terminated
by a little oblong process. In number about 200
inserted into a ring like receptacle about the corolla

In the center rise an inverted cone, which is the germen
containing the seed: each of which is buried in the receptacle
about 20 in number. a pistillum & stigma crowns
each. The seed about the size of a large acorn like
its.

The stem is a scapus, 4 feet high bending
slightly ^{ascending} when the anthers burst. when cut transversely
you find 7 tubes disposed in a circle. The spiral
vessels pass thro a cellular substance about them
& are visible to the eye. The leaf is orbiculate
supported by a petiole 5 feet high entwining the leaf
in the center (centropeltate). 10 inches in diameter. I
used it as a parasol.

The flowers expands
about 6 inches & smells precisely like the common
white lilly (Nymphaea odorata) & it so much like
it in habit & botanical affinity that its name should
have remain Nymphaea Nelumbium instead of Nel. Speciosum.

The plant grows by thousands in the crevices of the Delaware
& the seed is like the Chinopsis, a species of plum
& is called Chinopsis. By stretching the petals open
its diameter is equal to the length of this paper as
by the black line. The depth about 3 inches.

August 8th I have had about 50 patients. I have
bled every day for a week - one patient with fever. Billious
fever, or more nearly ague. Delirium - Bled him
4 times. Blisters &c. Come to his senses & now is better
Bled him this afternoon, & he was relieved almost
immediately. He has many bad symptoms, picking of
bed clothes, pulling folding - hold nothing in his hand
& calling to his mother to take it, letting it fall & then
grasping after it. Error of sight & touch was remark-
able. For three days he never spoke a sentence without
beginning with one idea and ending with another - I
did not bleed sufficiently. Phrenic caustic is to bleed
till no colour in the cheek & flush as long as you
get the pulse. Almost every lady has a tumour
on her arm as big as a nutmeg, produced by the eschar
in U.S. The kick toad (Spring Cones) is used altogether
I bled a woman, who had not had a stool for 20 days.
& as fortune would have it, she was obliged to go back
twice within 20 minutes after. It produced a relaxation
perhaps of spasm on the intestines. Cutting black childrens
tongues, gums, vaccination, high spirits. Walk about

as consequent as if I was Lydenham. Always carry
my Percol. & usually walk with my bot & ^{off}
carry medicines, instrument & such things so as to be
always ready. I have gained some advantage that
way. — Motto of Practice. "Be thou just & feel
over a few things & I will make you Lord over
many things."

August. 9th Letter by M. Hilliard July 21. 2. 3. 4. 7.
acknowledging letter by M. Lea. Edwin A. Gray
ic. Boston's appointment was expected, and not distant
N. Chapman: which some dislike but all were very
sure who would get these offices. Instruments
Bistoury - director - forceps. Catheter. These are very
necessary. I have given a Dollar for a Lunet.
I am glad Beer is so much better in spirits. Since your
apartment I have been quite at ease, excepting
for the idea of his not entering college. I never was
happier or more healthy. This city is the most
healthy in the Union. What are your official
duties.

Will you send the brass Door Plate.
This week we have our house painted & I
promise to get a door Plate, expecting that
when rendered useless you will send yours.
Will you send Rushes works, just the volume on Fever which
will be highly useful to me here. You have some

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Dear Father

Philadelphia Aug 11th.

By Mr William Belliard. Have written twice by the mail since the date of your letters and justly expect one tomorrow morning. Received much pleasure from your letters as usual! Shall put the watch into the hands of the best watch maker in this city. It is a great curiosity here. The quakers stare at it. "Dr Lottger's" they say. I have determined to read Virgil thro'. Pristly I have never read. I have much to read, and now I have two in the house I shall be the harder student.

Your remarks with regard to simplicity of Lectures is not correct. Dr Wistar said in one of his lectures, that altho' the hardnames of anatomy were useless, yet people who employ you, or to whom you lecture, will take what you want, in knowledge & sense, in hard names I be satisfied. Give them more simple language and you know no more than they. You must use a language which they do not understand or they understanding it themselves will not think they have the money's worth. Nothing

can be more true, and I think I have seen it
illustrated in your lectures. I would rather
take a middle course between you and
that pedant Barton

I agreed with D. B. for tuition \$60 -
paid \$20 at the time. He refused the whole
until he should "see" he said. Coming to
settle I laid down \$60.00 - and he said
it was \$62 calculating such and such things
and including the \$20 which was to be paid
for the last course after my Degree of M.D.
had been paid for. D. said I, we made such
an agreement \$60. C. says he went
absolutely to abuse me. "I'll give it to
you" I never was more astonished in my
life. ^{He meanly} touched upon his forbearance to
ask. I told him that I laid down
\$60 because I believed it such & he went
on with his high tempered abuse, I laid
down the \$20 telling him that I was
under obligations to him and not he to me
but that I said what I have in defence
of my neglecting to lay down \$62. Since
which the D. has not spoken to me, but I
will go there & he shall be civil. I will

not be offended with him however much
I dislike him. I owe Dr Otto \$50 & Mr A
\$15. My Taylor \$20 Shoemaker about
or 10. (I wear shoes out very fast) A rent
will be due in September 17th. My travelling
expense has not exceeded \$10 - three trips. I spend
no cent without I am obliged to.

The conduct of the Boston folks with regard
to Porter is most atrocious. Such ~~retorters~~ de-
serves hanging or burning. Where is the avenging
arm of heaven? I never felt so enraged with any
conduct I have ever heard of. I should insult
any man who said what the papers have.

I am fully of the mind to try the Nat Histⁿ
lectures for I must do something to get some
cash and the attention of the city is up and I am
ready. The sooner I commence the better, and
the sooner the lectures are sent so much the
better. Mr Peal will afford me all his assis-
tance and his museum will be at my ser-
vice. His very polite and ready manner to
befriend. I am on terms of intimacy. He would
throw perhaps 100 or more dollars into his
pocket. Shall do as you advise concerning
the origination of vegetables. They ~~keep~~ ~~them~~
enliven a lecture very much.

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Doct Benj Waterhouse

Cambridge

W. Willard

Map

attend the lectures, and I will try my best
 to believe it will be well - I suppose I have 6
 or 7 dollars not ten. He would be glad
 under the auspices of the Academy, that
 sciences and I will propose it to them as soon
 as I get the degrees and arrange them, so that I
 may never be hurried
 W. W.