

Philadelphia March 23<sup>d</sup> 1813

Dear Plover

This day I rec'd a letter from home bearing date of March 16<sup>th</sup>. also some days since one from Mr Byrnes enclosing 30 Dollars but I had the mortifying necessity of borrowing of D. W. H. I paid him immediately on receipt & it left 4 Dollars in my pocket & 25 Dolls in Debt. I am extremely sorry to hear that mother has that cough this winter.

as to Swann's flattering account of Dips &c he would by all means do it, if it denoted not his praise & certainly to Mr. Raylton. Miss Stewart told me what young women & Jackson had said of me if I lived, I would make a great figure & and eminently fit stuff - if all true, 'twas to get to the ears of our family. They are as artful <sup>as</sup> malignant. In fact I never wish to see Boston again. I detest it.

As to economy I shall spend as little as possible. I cant save much. I must drop ~~tea~~ meat if possible. My cloths going in all parts. Boots wear out; & whether I eat or not I must pay 4 Dolls & half per week. If there be nothing important in the Patriot it need not be sent because I am obliged to pay two cents & half for every letter to the post man. The most rascally extortioner in the office I ever knew, & the most insolent. I would strike the fellow if I could get at him. He would get plagg'd every day if he was not behind the grates. Father & mother need not be anxious about my health I never was better or so well or so happy. At this time I study very little I have been visiting

since my examination, & I struck a grand haul of it. I feel  
so light & lively that I can't sit down, a muscular  
predisposition predominates — much buffle in this  
city. The patriotic young men have this day marched  
down ~~to~~ to Fort Mifflin to man it, with their packs  
& blankets, the militia were yesterday ordered by  
the ~~Comd~~ Reg. Col; and today the Governor has  
issued general orders to the officers to hood themselves  
in readiness as to march at an hour warning, We  
shall not be disturbed I do really believe. I have  
not seen Mrs. S. since the death of her brother, I hate to call on her.  
I heard a queer thing of her yesterday. She had a letter introductory  
to Mrs. B. She called & as she went out, Mrs. B. with every good  
intention & more than usual politeness said she should be happy  
to see her again, ~~intending~~ but not saying <sup>that</sup> she would call on  
her. Mrs. S. turned back & said that she knew the rules of  
~~etiquette~~ Etiquette as well as any Philadelphiaian. She of  
course got the acquaintance of a fine accomplished, rich & beau-  
tiful girl. just like her. — I am perplexed for money the  
shoe maker, the tailor, & the coach &c I have only 4 Dollars  
in my pockets, that shall not go till I get money. Some  
provision must be made. I wish not to lose any  
opportunity in this city. As now is the best time  
for me, money if it can be borrowed must not  
be wanting.

I hope you are all well. I hope Mrs. P.  
Plelan has arrived & you also know that I am  
M.D. On Thursday next, we receive our Diploma  
& I must pay two Dollars there. My remembrance  
to all my friends. I am your affectionate  
Waterhouse