

Cambridge Nov. 13th 1844.

Dear John,

Beside two letters by the mail, written 10 days, we rec^d. a packet by Mr Basset, but have never been able to see him, or know his address. I have returned your Disⁿ by Mr James Dana to N. York two days ago, & directed the parcel to the care of Mr Byrnes. In it are shirts &c &c. I have written as much as time allowed of on the blank leaves of your Disⁿ. After the 1st paragraph, I have written three or four pages regularly, as a general doctrine; after that, I have written remarks here & there, opposite to the subjects treated of. I have advised you to change I for we, & not to mention Philadelphia, Dr Bush, or your own practice, nor ever name a person in the cafes introduced. It is needless and almost always improper, unless the case be a phenomenon. I advise you to deal more in general, & keep up the solemn dignity of a Treatise. Some of the committee remarked on your deficiency in that respect in your Disⁿ on Carbonic gas: such as going to the Exchange to drink Soda water. You may use a particular & familiar style in a lecture, that is not admissible in a Disⁿ. I go over my own compositions again & again in order to throw out mean expressions, redundant words & phrases — as in Syllabus of yesterday's Patriot (Nov. 12) — You are apt to be too redundant, so was Dr Bush. His style was unequal and not always dignified. —

In your Dispⁿ I thought you run more into the in-
-dications for bleeding than upon its effects. The subject
is in these words — "On the effects produced in the
system by blood letting." — I sent you a printed copy
many months ago —

Is the motto you have chosen meant to be an
admonition to the Committee? I do not admire it.
If you cannot get a more bloody one, what think
you of the following from Aufsonius

"Si fortuna juvat, caveto tolli;

"Si fortuna tonat, caveto mergi." Aufon.

That is, — if fortune favours do not be elated; — if she
frowns, do not despond. —

I hope to give to the Patriot a Sallust every
week for a month to come. There are some good
things in the Yankee, about the boundaries with
a map. This paper has more fire than the Patriot.
In the packet is a letter for Monroe & French to
be sent them by the mail — Daniel has been
on military duty the week past at Fort Strong.
He is quite the soldier, wears a cockade constantly.
Your mother has sent the college expenses in
the bundle that is, I presume, this night, in N. York.

I was in hopes of sending you some pecunia
before this time, to buy you some pabulum, for
you must not be without it. I wish I knew whether
Exchequer bills papered with you at par, or at what
rate of discount. Party rascality has sunk them
here to 20 per cent. — If they were at but 3, or 4, or
5 per cent discount in Phila. I might send you one
Enquire & let me know. —

D^r Gilton gives me encouragement that you may
do duty at or near Philadelphia. He will do what he
can to serve you. D^r Meafe can effect much if he tries
hard.

hard; & I presume that it will lay with him & Felton
to constitute you his mate. You leave me in the
dark on this subject. You are not so explicit &
clear as I wish. In such things you should study to
be perspicuous, & devote a paragraph to it, and
not touch upon it here & there all through your
letters. Each paragraph should have its own
particular subject, unmixed with anything
else. It would not be a mis to mark your
subjects 1-2-3-4 &c on a scrap of paper, with
the title of the subjects you mean to write upon
before you begin your letters.

You will find in the Patriot of the 12th a
letter from D Mann to me dated Plattsburgh
It is interesting & well written. In reading that
"we will see the truth of the text -" that pride
before destruction, & an haughty spirit before
"fall." Provost will hardly be able to main-
tain his ground against the tide of unpopularity
setting strong against him in Canada.
I suppose they ^{are} yet too busy at Washington to at-
tend to the nominations of surgeons.

We are all pretty well. Your mother is I think
better. He was out to meeting in the forenoon, and
coughed but little. He however cannot lay quiet a
night, without opium, which I regret - Andrew
is still at home doing nothing, not even reading,
& looking unhappy. What he will do I know not. To
advise him is of no avail. He never takes my
advice, nor thinks it friendly. He sleeps sound,
eats hearty, looks pale & unhappy. He is the only
affliction we have. Ben is gone to Groton to see about a
school, & the two girls & their mother reading novels, viz "Patronage"

Extract from Dr. Gorton's letter of the 21st inst. ^{for Dr. Gorton's use} I conceive those who
no necessity of removing, your satisfaction the 4th District, I had
think it more expedient to send him out of it. I know Dr. Meade has a great
respect for him. In the mean time, I flatter myself that the pay of his
-like notes will be increased, & their condition rendered more
respectable. His entering wedges will also put him in a con-
-dition to move according, as he shall see his opportunity himself. —
— But you must I suppose be satisfied to the city of Philadelphia with Dr. Meade.

Cambridge Nov 14 1780
John F. Waterhouse

Philadelphia

14th A right storm of North Wind - Wind S.W. acc. mugs &
comfortable. Charming weather for Jacloud & who do not
wear the iller. I think I shall encourage a nice bite by
this day week. You may borrow money credit if you think
in need of it. I think you must not be without both for
comfort & appearance — Breakfast is over, the horse, count
chicken pot, & a draw has washed his teeth, & mother's a bed — I am
sorry Mr. Apot has never made his appearance. Should Mr.
James Dana, brother of Capt. Dana, go on to Philadelphia, you will
scarcely find him every attention. He has more tact & information
than you will commonly find. He goes to better in Barthelemy —

Cambridge August 1. 1801. -

Dear Sir

I received your present with pleasure, not only because it made me master of many valuable specimens, which I have long wanted, & endeavoured in vain to obtain, but because it is the first present of the kind ^{with} which have been honored with. Permit me to tender my thanks for this favour received & allow me to ask a continuance of them. In the mean time command my best exertions, if they can be beneficial to you, in your mineralogical or any other pursuits.

I have already obtained the Sulphurets of lead & zinc from Mr Nichols & O'Meara. I had not a good specimen of Variegated copper, nor calcedony frosted with quartz, nor did I know that the fluat of linse had been found in the veins. The Sulph of Barytes were very acceptable, since I had been long tantalised

by the sight of them, without being able to place them in my own cabinet

The substance of a chrystaline structure from Middlefield, is Calc spar. Take a small portion & pulverize it; one drop of Sulphuric acid poured upon it will cause an effervescence. If this be true it cannot be "a beautiful specimen of Feldspar" as Dr Gorham supposes.

Dr Mead shew me a specimen of carbonate of lead from the lead mine; have you met with it? My friend Sane informs me that there is an abundance of triangular ~~pyramidal~~ pyramidal chrystals of carbonate of Lime or dog tooth spar. I should conceive it a great favour, if you would forward to me the varieties of any minerals found near you, as my aim ^{is} not to obtain every species only, but every variety. Dr Gorham mentioned that Tremolite & Cyanite, a beautifully

variegated blue, but irregular crystal
had been found in Middlefield, with those
^{imbedded in} specimens of Steatites & calc spar which
you have sent me marked (Middlefield).
If you have not found them in that place,
the knowledge of ~~them~~ their having been
found there may be useful.

I feel a diffidence in sending you
minerals, because they may be such as
you would deem worthless. As I have
no means untried which my personal
exertions can effect to obtain, gratify my
this darling ^{propensity} pursuit, I have rummaged the
ballast from ^{foreign countries on the} warfs of Boston, & helped myself out of the
ballast from foreign countries, or course
I am not acquainted with the locality of
some of the specimens which I send you
some of them have their place written on them. Those
I have some doubts respecting
having a note or notes of interrogation after
them, have excited my doubts as to name,
not place.

I must ^{ask} your pardon for this very shabby letter
since I am in a hurry, having much to do
& precursors to my departure on a journey
to be absent two or three weeks.

Permit me again to express the grati-
fication you have been to me

I am your most obedient
servant

W. H. H. H.