

Cambridge near Boston October 20th 1805.

Dear Sir

I here transmit for your acceptance a small publication on the pernicious effects of Tobacco on young persons, which you in Holland must be good judges of - I have sent it to the care of Mess^r. Kops, bookseller Amsterdam. If my old friend Domine Mitchell be alive, he may be amused by its perusal. I long to know who of my Leyden friends & fathers are still in the "land of the living." Fear that all the medicine Professors whom I knew & admired are dead. Your old acquaintance John Adams Junior is just elected Professor of Rhetoric & Oratory in this University. His venerable father is at this time President of the American Acad. of arts & sciences; and having escaped the whirlpool of politics, employs his liberal leisure in Natural History. -

I say not a word on Politics - I hate the very name. While half Europe are suffering under the destructive & demoralizing effects of war, we in this new world are in profound peace; and growing with a giants strength.

Should you favor me with a letter, I would thank you to inform me what is the name of the Society that publishes the Flora Batava, a copy of which has been sent to us. How is M. Wenkebach of the Hague connected with it? for with that botanical work came a letter from him, respecting American seeds. Accept the respectful & friendly salutations of Dear Sir, your very humble serv^t

Benjⁿ Waterhouse

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Mr. Professor Luzac

Leiden

Holland

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