

Cambridge 21st Nov^r 1710

Dear John,

Your letter of the 8th & 10th inclusive was received yesterday. You wonder at not receiving letters from us. Did you expect we should write before we were informed by you of your arrival. I wrote to you five days ago. Betty returned from Norwich day before yesterday, & has a brighter look of health than for 2 years past.

Your intention of a voyage to India gives rise to mixed sensations. I however approve the design. I think you will save time by it, and totally recover your health, provided you take more care than heretofore. I would however advise you to go in a large ship, by no means a small one. The larger the better, & with a commander of known character for good temper, a cross, intemperate Capt. makes a ship, a slave-galley. But I expect to be in Phila. before your embarkation. His indeed indispensable. You must not sail before I am there. In the mean time, let me enjoin you to procure directly every diploma, certificate of societies to which you belong, & every printed document in which your name occurs; for all such written & printed things are of incalculable service abroad. Unless you have travelled, as I have, you would hardly believe their importance. Every recommendation that can be procured should be obtained, especially to the British consuls, chaplains, & officers; for you may reside there a year & practice there, which is very lucrative; & I would have you go prepared for it. I would not wish you to engage to return in the ship, if you found your health, or your prospects, recovered it most prudent to remain some months longer. The Abbé C. could, in his officious character, give you a general letter to his countrymen. I knew a gentleman who met with evaded civility in a foreign port from there being found in his trunk a parchment certificate of his membership of the Massachussetts Society. It was almost the making of him — These credentials speak

loudly in foreign nations. They give a distinction you little dream of. They do you more good than all the letters of recommendation you could carry from Merchants, who are nobody & nothings in foreign countries, beyond mere money matters. Merchants are no great things in any countries but England & America. Whereas Diplomas and literary certificates from high sounding Societies give a pass. port to the courts of Princes. I had rather have one Diploma, & an evidence of gaining prize questions, & a letter from a public minister than to have letters from 500 merchants.

I cannot speak positively, but I guess I shall be in Philadel. by the 15th of Dec? or perhaps sooner, according as your movements may be. Therefore write me soon & particular. — You must try to accommodate yourself with the shirts you speak of. I have explained to your sisters why I cannot. I myself, ^{am} myself too bare of every thing, and have been for 4 years past. Benj^r must be attended to, and so must D. There are other reasons at this time, that I cannot specify in writing.

Leave Betsy & Mary to fill up the opposite page. You should take with you some choice articles of Medicine, and some books on hot climates, & Trotter's writings on naval diseases & ships, & Blains book, the title of which I do not recollect. —

The weather is very warm, & what some call pleasant, but it is not congenial to my constitution. Can you take any steps about my printing Lecture? I was beginning to prepare it for publication. Notwithstanding we have chosen federal Electors, federalism is kicking its last kicks, struggling, breathing short, & gradually dying. B.W.

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Dear John,

I was surpris'd to hear you was better, The account you give of yourself rejoic'd me more, as it was unexpect'd, I thought if you were no worse 'twould be a great deal. I wish you to take some voyage - and tho' the one to India is a very long one, yet I think 'twould restore you. I did not think you would well enough to peruse your business, and I am almost glad that you are not, for you could recover while attending as you would to what you were engag'd in - and if you go, you can't hurt your self - while if you staid you might wear away, and not try a voyage when it would do good. Therefore I am willing and hope you will go. I feel as if 'twill do wonders for you - I am glad Andrew has left you, I feared he would not. Will he write you? Tell me wish he would write us how he is situated, particularly. Miss Gleason desires her best love - I wish we were near to assist you in preparatives, you must have a long flannel gown, by all means. yours ever affectionately Mary W.

Samuel Dana is at Groton perusing his profession under the physician there

Afternoon

My Dear Mother,

Your very welcome letter reach'd here just as I return'd from Ipswich, where I spent 3 weeks - I am glad to hear that you, & your friends think it expedient to have this part of the world, here you I remain would exert yourself I know - I hope proper accomodations, &c will not be wanting - I care nothing about shirts, I will do my best, the spirit is willing - & will - can get them made for you but I know 'twill be more expensive. I am glad that you have the satisfaction of not possessing one unnecessary article of cloathing & I trust you'll be provided with comforts I have been trying to get you a flannel gown from Cth Mother. I think of it daily. It is needful on the water - I shall write you soon deliberately - I want to know particulars in regard to Andrew's prospects &c I long to have letters from friends around you have had one from Jessy that would make you laugh - but I have not as yet answer'd it -

Much love where tis due -

Write very soon & fully -

Elizabeth

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Dr John F. Waterhouse

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New York 1st April 1816.

I believe it is a long time & a too since I had the pleasure of hearing from ^{you}, the satisfaction of hearing you spoken of, occasionally, by those of our acquaintance, has not however been denied me. The last time I wrote you was relative to a letter to our Minister J. L. Adams at London, the which your father was afterwards good enough to forward me to Liverpool, and it travelled back again to this city in acceptance of my not going over to England, which became unnecessary, in consequence of the formation of the Commercial Treaty now in operation in the two countries; for that letter, which still remains in my desk, when you see your father, please express my thanks, which I have never had an opportunity of doing, tho I met him at Bristol Ferry in January last; we discovered each other too late however, to have ^{much} ~~any~~ conversation, as the Ferry Boat had left the wharf. I was very sorry I had not reached this city previous to your sister Elizabeth's leaving it last winter, as excursion should not have been wanting to render her stay somewhat agreeable; I have understood you intend returning with her this Spring, and the anticipation of meeting you here, which I have pleasingly indulged in, is about being destroyed, by my sailing for India, when I am now using all possible expedition to go, by the last of this month, in the ship Mentor; our Robt R Byrnes accompanying me; the last ship I went to sea in, we burnt up, as she had

increased leaking till there were nine feet water in her; in a pecuniary point of view I was rather a gainer by this event.

Can I procure any thing for you, or any of the friends you value, in either Madeira Madras or Calcutta; knowing, as I hope you do, the freedom, with which you may command me, I trust you'll not hesitate, if I can be of advantage; if I could go, as you would, if bound there, with the Torch of Science in my hand, many would be the advantages with which I should return; but as I must go, groping in the dark, the only possible benefit to me would be the accumulation of the dash of this World, which too often tends to neutralize that Attic Salt, which I would wish myself seasoned with.

Do me the favor of presenting me to the recollection of your sister, and of accepting, the assurance of

the friendship of

Jacob B Clarke

April 3rd

I have this moment received yours of . . . date, you really describe me as a whirligig, I assure you tho, I am sometimes quiet; for instance, I shall have been in this city for four months at the time when I now go away; I wish most heartily you could go with us, I am so situated in the business, that your passage could be free to you, out and home; you might study all the port, if we shall remain in India ten weeks, time enough to range as far as you wish; when I was last there I had a present of an Elephant, but he was so large and the vessel so small I would not bring him, but I'm thinking if I could have an Orang Outang, caught on our passage up the Ganges, that I should bring him; while there however I shall be pretty busily engaged; ten months I hope will return

us again in safety.

I am pleased with your remarks concerning the
minutes, I believe they fully merit the reception they have met with.

The good wishes Doctor expressed in your letter did me good

truly yours

J. B. Clarke



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