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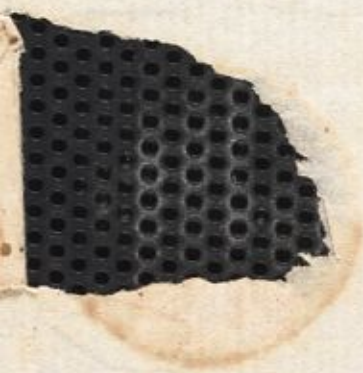
My Dear Sir,

I had the Pleasure of receiving yours of July the 20<sup>th</sup> accompanied with your Address to the Human Society, & I can assure you I had both Pride & Pleasure in seeing one of my Pupils making such rapid Advances in the Road to Literary & Professional Fame. I am highly gratified with the Account you gave me of the liberal Principles, so universally adopted by the Inhabitants of Massachusetts, & most heartily hope to see the Day, when they will be more firmly cemented, by an advantageous Commercial Treaty, & another offensive & Defensive Alliance with the whole of the United States & their Old Friend, & Mother, Great Britain; In that Case I think the Commerce of America would be greatly benefited, & that of England Strengthened & confirmed, by an Interchange of good Faith, & mutual Benefits. It would give me great Pleasure to pay you a Visit at Boston, & to view the Face of a Country, abounding with all the good things necessary to make Life comfortable, but you know that Professional

Men are so tyed to the Scene of their Musings, that even if they have but little to do, they can with great Difficulty Absent themselves, without Risk of Losing, what has perhaps been gained with great Labour & Assiduity. We abound with Practitioners of Physick & Surgery, some of Merit, but a much greater Number of Dutch Quacks, who notwithstanding their profound Ignorance, have their Partizans, & carry away a considerable Share of the Practice. Pray do you meddle much with Practice, or do you confine yourself but to the Labours of your Professorship, I should think you could have no powerful Competitors at Cambridge. It will always give me great Pleasure to hear of your Health, Prosperity & Happiness, & whenever you have a little Leisure Time on your Hand, let me have the Satisfaction of hearing from you. Mr. Halliburton joins me in the kindest Regards to you & yours, & believe me to be with great Truth and Sincerity,

Your true Friend, & affectionate humble  
Servant. J<sup>r</sup>. Halliburton

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To

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