

Mr Sawyer to Mrs Schuyler in
Washington D.C. Boston Dec: 1st - 1818

My dear Mary Ann. We cannot fail to add to your enjoyment
to get expected information of the welfare of all your
near friends here, and I believe it is the first time since I
have taken the charge of our family here that I could assure
you in this month of Dec: that they even all in perfect
health. Mother will pass the winter with us at her own
voluntary wish, and I hope will in future be only an
occasional visitor at the old family dwelling. We have
enjoyed thus far the finest climate possible, no snow, the
Common is still green, and excellent walking & riding in
every direction. We take a great interest in your Southern
excursion this winter, you must keep up a constant
communication almost journal like; it will be probably
through the channel of your sister, although I shall thank
you for all you give me, the more so as I am indeed
a bad correspondent. I was rather sorry, not knowing
perhaps all the good reasons, to find you located at or so
near Georgetown. For all large parties I know it is not
material, and some of the Members are usually in ~~that~~
that quarter. But the greater part and no doubt most
of your pleasant acquaintances amongst them are too far
from you for any thing like social and pleasant visiting.

After the house and rent is - your pleasure will depend principally on special acquaintance & friends; and the power of cultivating a pleasant personal intercourse with them. I hope if you find that your first location is pleasant that you will get a better one; you cannot think of "Massachusetts", as else it is much changed since I was there. After I left us that is after leaving them a few days of the severe Thanksgiving time cleared them, he is doing better very well; perhaps is again very quiet as I order vegetables. The children & Mrs. have been principally returned to their duties.

Thank you for account of our journey from N.Y. The night prior to day having the time in which we accomplished it which I think was extraordinary if you consider our return - as we left you upon Wednesday or Friday night and took tea at our house on Saturday eve. Both is pleasant this winter. Not a great deal of "disposition", but sufficient to ensure it is not here and there a few topics. Mr. Lane will be out for a while on a Friday night. Howard does not expect it this next week, but pairs that he wishes with so much satisfaction as ever. You are of course

at a distance from our North Sea. I hoped that we should be at N. York when his family was attending they are numerous and remarkably united, he ought to find some equivalent in giving us the daily satisfaction of withstanding so much family enjoyment. Mother & Howard are at church to day notwithstanding rather a violent P.B. storm - but they have got a Sunday service which is an excellent one. Mr. Pierpont when you may be some to have heard of formerly is a lawyer at N.Y. that is a great, is now practicing law with considerable ability. His delivery is excellent and voice strong and harmonious, with very unobtrusive habits, I think they will like him at Dr. Hutton's Society. We shall now look forward to your expected visit, I have no doubt by how you and I should visit with the friends some kind of character to receive the welcome servants. I hope the Thanksgiving character with your shining influence will be a great help and free from great and all other evils & troubles. They intend to have a "Lenten" to your assistance Mr. & Mrs. Hutton if they remember me to your aff. Mr. & Mrs. Lane will be.

Dr. Rhinoceros

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