

my Dear Sister

Quincy July 19 1799

I had the pleasure of seeing Mr
Peabody here, yesterday morn'g he got here the night
before, but it was late, and I was gone to bed, tho I had
exceeded my usual hour before the president arriv'd. He
brought William with him, I think I do not feel
my last Summers sickness in any way, so sensible, as by
being languid, and wanting my rest at a particular
hour, if I vary much I lose my sleep. I have intended every

day since my return to have written you, but every day has
produced some care which have retarded me, and the heat
oppresses me very much. I had a pleasant Journey & I
have found myself better ever since, I was so sick last

Summer, that I could not see company to dinner, and there
fore we made no great dinners, so that I have a double

share of that business to do, we had one last week and
I got through better than I expected, we have an other
next week - I am happy to have the little present to Mr

Peabody proved acceptable, I looked when I was at Boston
at Linen, but I could not see any under a dollar fit to
make up, and that not better than we used to get for

3 & 6. or 4 Shillings - William chose to suit himself as

in the purchase of a coat & gun, the coat I like much
but could not fancy his choice for a gun, we made it up
and it does very well, I think he will do better as to
curren at Philadelphia and as you have been so good
as to send him two, he will not want till then, and
if I go, I will endeavour to persuade him to wear cotton
in winter, I think it will be for his health, his cough
has left him, and I think he is better, I want have you
try upon abbe the woan wafers, they have been used with
great effect, and I believe she has still some remaining
I want you to come here in Sep^r. do not defer your
visit to a longer ~~space~~ day. the days grow short and
the weather cold. If I may, will enough to go to Philadel
=phia. I design to go the beginning of October -

I know you will rejoice to
hear that I have received letters from Berlin to the middle
of May. my children were then well. but now A continues
to meet with one misfortune after another, he was just
receiving from the third - I heard from Thomas at Phila
delphia this week, he is going into the country, about 100
miles from the city, the fever has not got any head yet, but
I fear it will when the season arrives which it used to
savage - in Boston and New York it is healthy -

I will reverse some ~~High~~ stockings for the boys
I could have been almost angry with William. tho so
handsomely supplied with cloaths, do you think he put
them on, but went to commement in those he wore
down which he sure, were proper enough for common use
but when he had others & with him, to go into so much
company and so dirt. it mortified me - but children
want consideration - I send my little voice a book
I did not read it untill I bought it, there is no harm
in it, many useful lessons, but some which I do not
aspire to or approve of - I will never consent to have
our sex considered in an inferior point of light, let
each planet shine in their own orbit, God and nature
designed it so - if man is led, woman is led -
that is what I contend for, and if a woman does not hold
the reins of government, I see no reason off for her
not judging how they are conducted -
when you read the
book you will easily know the part alluded to -
I am my dear
sister with love and affection ever yours

At Adams

to miss never a kind
remembrance, and to John whose turn to commement
will be next year -