

Mr. Burroughs & my letter to the Bishop was written before
yours was received & Mr. B. takes the Watchman.

Portsmouth July 16. 1830

Res^d & much beloved Sir,

Your letter & pamphlet were received this morning. According to your request I have been to Rev^d Mr. Burroughs for the purpose of submitting the book to his inspection, he was however not at home. If I should not see him before, I shall have that pleasure this evening, there being a party at his house, when I shall, if opportunity offers, do as you have desired, - the result I will let you know if possible sine mora.

The request made you by Mr. Clark, & which I now make you (in a letter of Mr. B's to the Bishop I have asked the same of him) is that as I have no part in the Commencement & as I have been absent sometime, my name may not be numbered or ranked with my classmates: it can ^{be placed} ~~remain~~ if you please ~~at~~ the ~~last~~ last & on the margin the words "not ranked being excused by absence", or something equivalent. This request, I beg ~~you~~, of my friend, will see fulfilled.

You ask me if I shall be at Commencement? I certainly want my degree & if I cannot have it without coming

for it I most assuredly shall. However, circumstances will prevent my being there until about the day preceding. It is on account of Mr. B. who has written to the Bishop requesting my stay until that time; which letter please to ask the President to show you: - he wishes me to remain the Sunday immediately preceding our com: to officiate for him, as he is appointed to preach before some society in N. York the last of this month, he will be absent about 3 Sundays & in his absence he has no one else to apply to but me; 2 of those Sundays I intend to read the services for him & the 3^d the one after com.

I may return to P. for the same purpose, altho' it is doubtful, or the Church will probably have to be closed: we have no abundance of clergymen with us. If it would be as well for me not to come to H., - on some accounts I should prefer it, since it will be attended with much expense. ~~I~~ ^{Should} you think it as well for me not to come, if you will let me know the sum I am indebted to ~~the college~~ ^{the college} it shall be forwarded before Commencement. If you deem it advisable to write me you will please tell the Bishop & then he need not. I should be however very much pleased with visiting my friends as there are many I remember with much interest & fondness. I hope if you ~~come~~ ^{go} to Boston you will extend your journey some 55 miles & visit Portsmouth. I will assure of at least one very

hearty welcome & I think I may of many more. It ~~has~~ ^{is} an excellent hoap retired, where I reside & our best room shall be yours so long as you will favour me by remaining. Mrs. as well as Mr. Burroughs mentioned you to me with much respect & evident pleasure, they would also be glad to see you. We

have a fine little church, the society is of many of our first people, I have read for Mr. B. a few times & have been much ~~much~~ ^{much} praised for my performance of the service (this I mention not from vanity but supposing you would like to hear as I deem you one of my first friends) I go usually every Sunday Afternoon to the Navy Yard & perform the services to ~~the~~ the Marines, also I have a fine S. School under my superintendence

I did not answer your ^{first} letter, supposing from its brevity, it must be an irksome task for you to write me, & as I had nothing that could make my correspondence valuable to you. Please to present me respectfully to Mrs. Sigourney, Mrs. Toucey & all other friends - to the Students also. Portsmouth is a delightful place, - our first society is doubtless as good as the same in our largest cities. I continue as good as the same in our largest cities. I continue reading under Mr. B.'s direction the Evidence of Christianity & still continue my academy, which is in good order & is conducted to the satisfaction of all.

Excuse this as it is written in great haste
& believe me dear Sir, truly & affectionately
yours
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