

paying that particular attention to Mrs Washington that both friendship & politeness dictated. An apology also for myself is due to her for introducing a son as the bearer of a letter but an accident impeded his journey to New York & consequently the honour of a personal attendance.

Give me leave Sir to subscribe most respectfully & and sincerely
Your most obedient
M Warren¹

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1. Below MOW's signature, the text reads, "the president of the united states."

90 TO WINSLOW WARREN

April 25 1791

My Dear Winslow,

In yours received yesterday you give not the smallest intimation when I may expect to see you, nor what are the arrangements for the summer, but I hope your next will contain many particulars which I wish to know. You have promissed two or three hours from your *many engagements* to converse with your parents. I hope for much information therfrom but should be happier if you could do it personally.

Your Brother Henry is gone to the Eastward in poor health & not in very good spirits. I pity him exceedingly but cannot help him. He has for a long time been the child of disappointment. Is it not very extraordinary that he should be passed over notwithstanding the respectable recommendations in his favour and additional offices & Emoluments conferred on the little insignificant, virulent, worthless bankrupt in our neighborhood? Surely a Collectorship alone is much more than he could ever expect either from his family or character, nor has he any claim of merit except the ignorant frivolity of a dupe to the new government.¹

Why did you intimate a dislike to make a visit at Cambridge? Have you any particular reasons of disgust?

I have read Mrs Macauleys observations. I like them much—but can judge better when I have seen the *philipic*. She is certainly a very superior woman and so cannot but think Burke has discovered an inconsistency unworthy of his great abilities and that will in the opinions of the liberal

tarnish his former fine strokes of oratory in favour of the rights of human nature—but it is possible a young officer of a *standing army* may view things in a different light from what he did when he was a warm advocate for the Establishment of a free government. If that is the case, what will be the fate of the *History* when the author is no more?² But this is a subject I hope we shall have opportunity to discuss hereafter.

What have you done with all my manuscripts you took with you to peruse at Kennebeck?—³

The next question is are we likely to hear a good [??]? I really suffer for the want of one.

Your Father has been very unwell ever since his return from Boston and for this reason leaves all the writing at this time to your very affectionate Mother,
M Warren

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1. By “Eastward” MOW means Maine, then still a part of Massachusetts and the home of Henry’s brother George. MOW continues to mention Henry’s failure to obtain the post of Collector of Customs for Plymouth, a political appointment.

2. MOW has just received a copy of Catharine Macaulay Graham’s *Observations on the Reflections of the Right Hon. Edmund Burke* (London, C. Dilly, 1790). (For more on this work, see the headnote to L 92.) In order to extract WW from his debts and legal difficulties, the Warrens did manage to get him an appointment to the army as a junior officer. He is now in uniform—and thus an instrument of what many Antifederalists feared would result from the Constitution, a standing army. She expresses a mock fear that he will turn from her side to the side of power—that is, that he will become a Federalist—and thus be unable to appreciate her Antifederalist history of the Revolution.

3. Probably manuscripts of MOW’s history of the Revolution, although that is not certain.