

and some interruption from company prevented my closing this. but
at the commencement of a new year, I have determined to finish it, by
presenting you, my best wishes for many happy returns of the Season,
and that this year, may come fraught, with as many blessings to you, and
yours, and prove as auspicious to you as the last.

Altho our Country is in distress
and the terror of invading fleets and Armies threaten us, we still have
many personal and private blessings to be grateful for.

Let not the year pass off
unmindful of them, nor neglect to offer our thanksgiving to that
Being who has cast our Lots in pleasant Places, and given us a goodly
Heritage.

Be so good as to present me kindly to our
and Mrs Johnson, with whom I wish it was in my power to become acquainted

As to the young folks, I hope they
will consider it their duty, and find it their inclination, once a year
to visit their Aged Grandparents, which will give pleasure to their

and your affectionate
parent

Abigail Adams