

he thinks of reading Law - was it designed as a respect to your  
Grandfather? I presume it was, and that he was sent by his Father,  
but a gay lad of 17 years, will find the Law a dry bit, a hard bone -  
now is the Age when he ought to enter Colledge.

It is our National Fast Day, we  
went, that is your Grandfather myself and Louisa in the morning  
to hear our Codman, and were much pleased, his Text was in  
Jeremiah "Shall I not visit for these things saith the Lord"

he said, he was not one of those who  
did not respect the Authority which recommended the Fast, he thought  
it highly proper, what ever difference of opinion might exist as  
respecting national measures, he stood in that desk as a minister  
of the gospel of Christ, not as a political disputant, that was not  
the place into which party spirit should enter, he would not  
degrade his Character, or pollute his pulpit by such discussions  
his duty it was to point out to his hearers those sins which  
had justly drawn upon them the judgments of heaven, and in  
his catalogue he named that bitter spirit of party, which  
interrupted social harmony, and that calumny, which destroys  
private characters, and kindles the worst passions in the breast  
of man, contrary to the Christian temper and character  
which taught us to love even our enemies, to bless those who  
curse us. Such a sermon is calculated to do good, at home  
I hear we had combustibles enough.

Sorry I am that a good man  
should so mistake his duty -  
well my dear girl say on