

I have been quite unwell, with a severe cold, and sore throat, the last week, and am still so hoarse I can hardly speak; I am sorry to hear that Sister Little Boy is so liable to taking cold; I regret more, and more, every day, her inability to write, as it deprives me of a great source of pleasure, and I sometimes fear, she will quite forget me, the season here, has been remarkably cold, and dry, we shall have but little grain, and scarce any of the fruit has come to perfection; people assign various reasons for this change of climate, but I believe it is most generally attributed to the spots on the Sun. there appears to be universal complaints in every part of the Country, and expectations of a severe winter; You has been quite well this Summer, but feels the cold weather very sensibly, she must take great care, or she will be laid up again this fall.

I expect Mr Clark, the first of October, report says, we are to have an Algerine war, and in that case, he will probably be ordered into the Mediterranean this winter; but I hope it is only report, and that he will be able to obtain a parole and make a voyage to the East Indies, or Boscama; business is very dull, everywhere, and at present, I see but little prospect, of any active service.

Abby Shaw is to be married, next Wednesday, and resides in Salem. her brother appears quite gratified, and I think Mr Felt an amiable, pleasant man and of very correct principles; which in my opinion, is more to be considered, than wealth and fortune; for without them, all the riches this world could afford, would not secure happiness. there must be some foundation, to build upon, something to command our esteem, and respect; and where we know, true piety, and goodness of heart, to exist, we feel assured, the proper, will never voluntarily do wrong.

Mr De Witt left here, on Tuesday for New York, but intends returning, in the course of next week, Caroline desires to be affectionately remembered to you and Sister, in which she is sincerely joined by me, with a kiss for the dear boy. Uncle Adams' family are well, and the children often enquire after Aunt Adams and Cousin Abby. I hope my dear Mother, it will not be long before I hear from you, and am ever, with the tenderest affection, your daughter Susan's Adm'r.