my Dear Sister Quincy July 19 1799

I had the pleasure of seeing mr peabody here, yesterday mor'g he got here the night before, but it was late, and I was gone to bed, tho I had exceeded my usual Hour before the president arrived. he brought William with him, I think I do not feel my last summers sickness in any way, so sensible, as by being languid, and wanting my rest at a particular Hour, if I vary much I lose my sleep. I have intended every day since my return to have written you, but every day has produced some cares which have retarded me, and the heat oppresses me very much, I had a pleasent Journey & have found myself better ever since, I was so sick last summer, that I could not see company to dinner, and therefore we made no great dinners, so that I have a double share of that buisness to do, we had one last week and I got through better than I expected, we have an other next week. I am happy to learn the little present to mr peabody proved acceptable, I looked when I was at Boston at linnen, but I could not see any under a dollar fit to make up, and that not better than we used to get for 3 & 6 or 4 Shillings — William chose to suit himself as

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in the purchase of a coat & Gown, the Coat I like much but could not fancy his choice for a Gown, we made it up and it does very well. I think he will do better as to linnen at Philadelphia. and as you have been so good as to send him two. he will not want till then. and if I go, I will endeavour to persuade him to wear cotton in winter, I think it will be for his Health — his cough has left him. and I think he is better, I would have you try upon abbe the worm wafers, they have been used with great effect, and I believe she has still some remaining I want you to come here in Sep br do not defer your visit to a longer ~~[illegible]~~ day. the days grow short and the weather cold — If I keep well enough to go to Philadel=phia. I design to go the beginning of october —

I know you will rejoice to hear that I have received Letters from Berlin to the middle of May. my Children were then well. but mrs A. continues to meet with one misfortune after an other, she was just recovering from the third — I heard from Thomas at Phila=delphia this week. he is going into the Country about six miles from the city, the fever has not got to any Head yet. but I fear it will when the season arrives in which it used to Ravage — in Boston and new yorks it is Healthy —

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I will procure some ~~Stock~~ Stockings for the Boys
I could have been almost angry with William. tho so
handsomely supplied with Cloaths, do you think he put
them on. but went to commencement in those he wore
down which be sure, were proper enough for common use
but when he had others & with him, to go into so much
company and so dust. it mortified me — but children
want consideration — I send my little Ovice a Book
I did not mead it untill I bought it, there is no harm
in it, many useful lessons. but some which I do not
assent to or approve of — I will never consent to have
our sex considered in an inferiour point of light, let
each planet shine in their own orbit, God and nature
designd it so — if man is Lord, woman is Lordess —
that is what I contend for. and if a woman does not hold
the reigns of Government, I see no reason of ~~t~~ for her
not judging how they are conducted —
when you read the
Book you will easily know the part alluded to —
I am my dear
sister with Love and affection ever yours
A Adams

to miss Palmer a kind
remembrance. and to John whose turn to commencement
will be next year —

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