

Amherst

16 April 1866

Dear Doctor

I received & thank  
you for the cheque for 10 <sup>dollrs</sup>  
I am very glad the paper arrived  
safe, & was satisfactory.

Today I return the 2<sup>d</sup> of  
the Lin. Society's Journal by  
Express; not being willing to  
trust it to the Post. Should  
you have any opportunity to  
procure a dupl., it will be  
most acceptable, as I have to  
keep up with all the literature  
of my study. W. Watt writes  
to me, but I rarely see him;  
he is not a great favourite  
of mine, though I always do what



I can to answer his enquiries  
& especially to forward his  
enclosed letter to others.

I must beg to excuse myself  
from any teaching outside of  
Amherst. I have already so  
many scholars scattered over  
the country, whose letters I  
have to determine, that it se-  
riously interferes with my  
other labours. I try to bring  
them to the point of getting  
a good microscope — & then  
(in one case at least) a good  
deal of mechanical labour  
is taken off my shoulders.

But above all I have  
little faith in any other teaching  
than this, & nothing would induce  
me to go beyond Amherst. My

work is before me — & time  
is short. I cannot undertake  
to teach except by letter, until  
I can print. When it comes  
to the latter, I will try to  
be of some use, by making  
matters as simple as I know  
how.

Yours sincerely  
E. Tuckerman

P.S.

It is easy to collect, but  
slow work to determine. I  
find this out continually — &  
my eyes require care.

E. T.



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