

## John Pickering an Wilhelm von Humboldt, 21.01.1828

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To Baron W. von Humboldt

[Jan.<sup>y</sup> 21. 1828.]

Sir –

I beg permission to introduce to you one of my young countrymen, [M<sup>r</sup> J. Burton Harrison](#), who is about visiting Europe, with the hihghly *|sic|* laudable desire of improving himself in ancient & modern learning.

With that view, he is desirous of seeing the eminent men whose science and literature have conferred a lasting honour upon the present age; and among those illustrious men your name has been too conspicuous, both in Europe & America, to be overlooked.

[M<sup>r</sup> Harrison](#) comes recommended to me by friends of the highest authority; and among these I may be allowed to mention my friend [M<sup>r</sup> Ticknor](#), of [this city](#), who travelled in Europe a few years ago & who while in [Rome](#) had the honour of frequently seeing [Madame de Humboldt](#) during her residence there. If it should happen that I have been too ready to gratify the very natural wishes of <an American, in giving> him this letter to you, I hope you will find an apology in the motive which prompted it.

Boston, United States of America,

Jan.<sup>y</sup> 21, 1828.