

Second, Feb. 9th 1844

My dear Sir,

The address of Sir Arthur Aston, G.C.B.
 is Aston Hall, Preston Brook, Cheshire. Dr
 Murta resides with him and manages his
 estate.

We are in the midst of critical and uneasy
 times here; with insurrections breaking out
 which the Government is endeavoring to put
 down with a strong hand. The whole Kingdom
 is under military law; which appears to be
 the only kind of law that can be enforced in
 Spain. I hope these measures may be efficacious
 in producing tranquility; but, I am sorry to say,
 I doubt more than I hope.

I am still somewhat of an invalid; or rather,
though my general health is good I am troubled
by the frequency of a complaint in the ankles
which confines me to the house unless when
I drive out in the carriage.

Give my kindest remembrances to Mrs
Bates and when we see
Very truly yours

Washington Irving

Joshua Bates Esq

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