

New York July 18th 1814

Dear Sir,

I recd yours of 15th inst. & am glad to have
Ld report for 1809 93/- I think it worth your while to
get Porter's likeness without delay; and likewise to get
a biographical sketch drawn out by some person who
can write a neat article. I wish to begin upon
Painbridge & therefore will not be able to do so before
it would be anticipated & made stale by other writers.
His ~~life~~ life has been adventurous & mixed abound with
romantic particulars. I would dress up any article
that should be furnished; but can not at present hunt
up facts & do the dead colouring. I think it worth
your while to pay some job writer for the occasion, as
it would be a very taking article at the present
moment.

SHR

I am waiting with some impatience to hear from
Mr. Captain & to receive his biography of Washington.
The work is at a stand for want of it.

These articles are intended
for the Analytic Magazine of
which Mr. Irving was then the
Editor and I the publisher.

Yours truly
W.D.

W.D. was Washington Irving

This being a business letter, had no inclosure etc
Washington Irving - I must it not having an article
could be
It shows the fact of its being the handwriting of
who speaks on one or two recent letters about it
in the same hand. W.D.

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