

Mr. Thos. May
Mr. William Irving
Boston, China

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My dear Father

The Mary is still detained but it is
said she will certainly sail tomorrow morning - I therefore make up
another parcel of papers to include a letter from your brother Pierre
who happened to be in town on business - he left us for home yesterday
morning - it was a pleasure to have him again at W.B. and old
times seemed to be revived again - We have been rather well
out for your brother Isaac and his wife for a day or two past, but
a letter from him this morning informs us that they will not
set out until tomorrow - Amanda's sister Gustilda had not
yet returned to Baltimore from Virginia and it was rather doubtful
whether she would come on with them - The Marine Corps
has been reorganized pursuant to a law of last session of Congress
and the number of officers increased so that Edgar stands about the
middle rank of the same Lieutenants - he will apply shortly for
an extension of his furlough and I am in hopes that the
enormous number will enable him to obtain it without any
or but little difficulty - should he not succeed, I presume
he will throw up his commission, as he has no inclination at
present for going to sea - He writes that he had had a
slight touch of the Cholera, which is somewhat prevalent at present
but was entirely removed - The Small Pox has made its ap-
pearance here and in several places, among others at Troy also
and it has attacked the pupils in Mr. Willard's Seminary - Your
sister Julia has had it, but lightly - The opinion that the effect
of vaccination as a preventive wears out in the course of a few
years is becoming more general and I am inclined to be a
convert to it also - for tell your brothers and sisters as well as yourself
to be vaccinated in infancy - Mr. Willard has advised that all the
pupils should repeat it, as a preventative measure and Mary has
had it - The vaccine infection appears to have taken effect on her

arm and so there is no doubt safe - Julia had quite recovered - one of
the young ladies was very ill with the small pox, but we understood from
your Uncle Paris who returned from Troy this morning, that she was in the
mending hand.

I took your little brother Harriet to Singing
last Thursday, and I assure you I miss him more than a little - He
has been for a long time my room mate, his little cot, being placed beside
my bed - I was well pleased with the location of the school, and
with the house itself, and all the accounts I have of Mr. & Mrs. Prime
and their family are very satisfactory - I trust he will get on well
and pleasantly - he will not find it so strange as I feared as there
are three or four ladies of his acquaintance at the school - I shall
probably pay him a visit in a day or two as I wish to go up
about the passage I firmly owned and which your Uncle Washington
had from me - your Uncle has given it to Pierre, and I want to
get it down to forward it to him - Burlington Hall wished to buy it
recently and I told him to look at it and determine what it was
worth and I would see whether we could agree as to price, but
instead of merely looking at it, he told Oscar who had it in
charge that I had said he might take it on trial - which is of course
untrue, for my opinion of the gentleman is such that I should be
afraid to trust him - He has no news yet from London.

Can you find any mention of his ship in the Marine News -
Several vessels have arrived from the Mediterranean which, had they
touched at Gibraltar would no doubt have brought some account of
his ship - They have been afraid to stop there on account of the
cholera which was prevailing there in Aug & Sept. - fearing no doubt
that they might be quarantined in the U.S. - I hope the disease
may not prevent the Capt of the Amable Baker arriving as there than
for letters for expecting her to touch there on her passage up, we have
sent all to the care of our friend Horatio Sprague, Consul at the Rock.

Your cousin Dr. Wm. - Susan & Julia started day before yesterday for
Boston - All well at home and all, including Mamma, send
true love and kind remembrances - Affectionately yours, my dear little

I send the three lot of books in a separate parcel - it
contains the mirrors (two red) & complete your bill -
the 2 parcel contains a letter to you -

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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