

Saugerties. Nov. 22^d 1834

My dear Willie,

While my feelings are yet glowing with the pleasurable excitement occasioned by the receipt of your gratifying letter of May last by the Commerce, I hasten to write you a very hasty line - It must indeed be a mere acknowledgement of my thanks, for Mr Owen with some others of his family ^{coming down from} ~~are at~~ my house this evening and we are consequently all bustle at home - and at my office I can scarce get a chance to write - A tremendous iron wheel is now clanging close by my head and the noise betrays all quietness of mind at defiance. I wish I could give you a good long letter. I have the disposition but at this moment I must give up the idea.

If you knew how much satisfaction we all derive from your letters I think you would write oftener - at all events it would satisfy you that we have not forgotten you. This last letter encourages us to hope that you may do well in Canton, and I trust and believe that the arrival of Mr Coolidge and the £500 ~~of~~ ^{he} will together well place you in a position of making a little for yourself - It will as you say give you an interest in the life you are obliged to lead & render its privations tolerable - Besides it is not impossible that it may be the means of giving you

a start upon your own foundation. Furthermore the remittance will extinguish any lingering doubts of the affection of your friends here for you - The amount was small - but it was a mere beginning - and the funds of the lenders are not you know as extensive as we could wish -

I hope you will write frequently - at all events if you could find time to drop ^{but} a single line to Father by every vessel, it would be a source of great comfort to him - He watches every arrival with great anxiety and never fails to be disappointed when it brings nothing from you -

I think I wrote you a very long line from the city of N.Y. a few weeks ago - Contrary to my wishes I was forced to visit old Gotham again. Our brewery has met with some discouraging sales this season, principally owing to ~~our~~ unfortunate change we were compelled to make in our beers - The man we had last year was superior to any in the country, but he was under an engagement to another house, ^{for the present} before coming to us, & so we lost him - Our new hand does not answer & I anticipate loss & trouble

Still we have done what we could & therefore if we should meet with bad success, I won't grumble - My principal anxiety is on Edgar's account - for having just taken him into the concern, it would be a great aggravation to my trouble, that he should sustain loss -

Edgar had got ~~also~~ every thing ready for his return to this place and had shipped stores of good things for his little cottage - The poor fellow's anticipations of a snug winter in the country are I fear all knocked in the head - for I have just heard that both he & his wife had been attacked with Cholera in Baltimore - the latter very seriously - She is recovering, but the disease has left her so low, that upon her mother's urgent request, I believe, she has determined to winter at Balt^e - Edgar will come on in a few days to shut up his cottage - I am very sorry for Edgar, as he had made great calculations upon the pleasures of homekeeping this winter -

A late newspaper reports the arrival of the Arnold Wells, Gardner's ship at Genoa

on the 1st of October last - but we have not
heard from him since he left St. Helena - He
sent home an excellent letter from that place.
I have no doubt that his voyage will be of much
service to him, and the promptness with which he un-
dertook it, has already been spoken of to his advan-
tage - Perhaps one of these days he & you may start
something of an Eastern trade together -

Washie is at school at Springfield - and his
ten Mary & Julia at Troy - Theodore is the
only one of the boys at home - He has been working
like a beaver - & his application has astonished
every body. I have read a portion of his work
and I think it will have given him reputation.
His work is completed & will go to press in a few
days - He has led a very quiet and retired life, for-
my into society but seldom.

Uncle Washington has purchased the little cottage
below Oca's at Tarry town. I have never been there
but I have heard it spoken of as a pleasant spot -
It will no doubt be a hobby of his -

To-day we lose the last of our company - Mr & Mrs Duer & Jane go down - ~~So for the~~ we shall probably have no more visitors until next March when the river opens. In nine months we have been alone but about three weeks, and although this run of company has added very considerably to my expenses, still it has been a source of comfort to my wife - I have some apprehensions that my business will not warrant me in continuing a residence here another year - It will surely me to part with it, for I have had a year of almost uninterrupted happiness, but I shall endeavor to submit with cheerfulness to whatever path may be opened to me - I do love the country more & more -

I hear of nothing new among our friends - George Duer I repeat to day is still at home & the two years that have rolled by have I fear not increased his capacity for hard work - William Robinson is not married nor

likely to be - Beverly just as you left him!
None of the girls of the various families of
my wife's clan married - nor likely to be -
growing old - and not any handfome -

Mr. Vantrant with his wife & Julia - have
joined their father Henry at Cambridge near
Boston - They are an unsettled set of a race
and never seem to be satisfied - However they
have some Capital points of character, which
will always to me redeem much of their fail-
ures -

I saw Mary & Lawrence in N.Y. - Older
father - & not married - Betsey Mr. - Our
Cousin you know (for our grandfather's cat
ran down her grandfather's stairs) was
also in town - quite more than - but still
pretty - she is very like Julia - The Baillie
is at home - Monday - & Pierre M. is
coming home from Minor with disaf-

fronced hopes - I had a long letter from
that prince of good fellows Henry Morris
Lately, dated at Calleso, near Leiria - in
June or July - He is now on board of
the Fairfield and he says that he will in all
probability return home in 1835 by the way of
Canton - If so, he will hunt you up - How
delighted you would be to shake the glorious
lad by the hand -

Well - I have scratched you a much
longer letter than I had anticipated - and such
as it is take it - We are all well -

Remember, my dear Willie, I never for-
get you - and for my sake recall to my mind
what I have said before on more serious matters -
I don't want to weary you with any repetitions,
but I am not the less convinced of their importance
ever, ever most sincerely yours P. O. J.

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