

per Miss Liberty from Phil^a.

Mr. William Brown.

Manilla or Canton



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New York June 12. 1835.

My dear Willie

I wrote last for the Morrison on the 5th Instant for Canton. I continue to direct my letters as you will perceive to care of Messrs Russell & Sturgis the Canton and have recently added "a care of Messrs Russell & Sturgis Manilla". Presuming that either house will see the letter but in the way to reach you wherever you may be.

We have no arrival yet from Manilla, and my anxieties of course. I trust that the Tremont, now daily expected will arrive promptly. I shall be completely at a loss what course to pursue until I hear from you. Your removal from Canton has completely changed my plans and I fear has marred your prospects. Almost anything from that place would have paid this season. Silk goods generally are doing well and I am told that low priced teas pay a good profit, but the finer qualities only about cost and charges. I have made a little enquiry as to the Manilla trade which I find to be very limited. Mr. Gillespie tells me that $\frac{1}{4}$ Brown American Cottons generally answer especially if shipped to Linton and thence to Manilla in a Spanish vessel. The duty in those being $\frac{1}{4}$ the price or one half what it is in foreign. The returns from Manilla are in Hemp, Tortoise Shell &c.

The promised amounts are not yet prepared. I intended to have had them ready, but have been prevented, and I have such short notice of the sailing of the Liberty & the Latona from Phil^a. that it cannot be done in time for either. We shall have an opportunity however from this place shortly.

I started for Langertien on Thursday evening 4th Instant and returned on Sunday night 7th after a very gratifying visit. I found all well and your little sister Charlie improving. Theodore, who had gone up just before me was snugly quartered at Edgar's on the bank of the beautiful little

lake where the Brewery is located. Amanda's sister Emily is also with them.

Pierre had promised me that he would make up a little party for the Catskill Mountains, if I would pay him a visit, so on Saturday he with Edgar & Theodore and myself started immediately after breakfast. It was a beautiful and cool morning and every thing was awesee in its freshest green - we found the road good until we reached the foot of the range. Then the road was rough for three miles as it gradually ascended and the remaining two miles being pretty rough and steep had to be accomplished on foot. Our horse was near giving out after we had gone about half of the three miles, and fearing that if driven further we should find it not so easy a matter to get home safely with the wagon, we left the wagon on the side of the road, with our coats, mounted then round about and leaving the horse at the next lower ledge up the Mountain. I thought the tour longer than myself

for we had to go round the Mountain and ascend at the back when it occurred to me that a more direct route might have been found - but after getting to the Summit, I found that it would have been impracticable from the frequent and tremendous precipices. The weather being clear we had of course an immense view and we were amply repaid for our toil in climbing up.

The view was indeed grand, but I do not think it as beautiful as from a less elevated height; all lies before you flat like a map - you see nothing of the hills and valleys, the slopes and undulations of the land, which add such charms to a landscape. The peak we ascended is directly back of Saugerties and a few miles south of the "Round top" the highest of the Catskill

range. The "Round top" may be about 100 or 150 feet higher than the peak we were on. We got home safely before sundown much pleased with our excursion though not a little fatigued - for a trudge of six miles up and down a rough Mountain is not an easy job to those unaccustomed to the exercise. We all stood it very well however, and as for myself I thought I rather beat the odds.

The wedding I spoke of in my last took place on Wednesday evening - indeed there were two weddings that evening. Cornelia David Graham and Anna Gile to a Mr. Wilson a brother of the Mr. Wilson who Elizabeth Gile had married some 12 or 18 months before. Anna's husband is a Presbyterian Clergyman a widower with two or three children settled near Phila. Their wedding was entirely private. At Cornelia's wedding there was a considerable blow out. The parties all started up the next morning.

They are all well in Phila. that is those left - the family is considerably increased in number and now consists of Sanders, Catharine, Sarah, your little Parker and myself. As soon as we get through house cleaning your sister will no doubt be off for Saugerties and Uncle W. will soon be going to visit his "estate" at Greenburgh. I am anxious to get there myself to help plan the improvements.

I have herewith a joint letter from Catharine & Sarah. We had an arrival from Canton yesterday, the "Givend". As there are few vessels from Manilla and I thought it probable that you might have sent letters to Canton to be forwarded on the intercourse between the two places I am told is frequent: and you know there is no direct communication from Canton to the States; but I will hope for something by the Tremont. Meanwhile assure yourself of my constant and sincere prayers for your welfare and success. Thine affectionately my dear Willie
Thos. Irving

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St. James from 12.33