

Stratford n. avon. Dec 20th 1831

My dear Robert,



We are thus far on our tour, having
visited Oxford & Hencham. We shall travel
on by "easy stages" visiting the manufacturing
towns, & the most important show houses
on our way, and will be with you on
Saturday. (Christmas eve) I am travelling
with Mr. Van Hook and his son, a young
gentleman of about 23. I hope we shall
not crowd your house at this hospitable
season, when you must have many of
your friends about you. If I find we
do, I shall be for relieving you as soon

as possible, and pursuing our tour -

With kindest remembrances to Mrs. Rhodes

Yours ever

Washington Irving

P.S. We ~~must~~ mean to take a circuit
alloy in our line of march and see the
improvements made by the worthy Council.

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