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Mr William Brown

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Canton
My dear Willie

I have nothing from you since I wrote last on the 5th. Instead Mr Capt. Grace in the London, though we have had one arrival here and two at the Pastward from Canton. As however there are three vessels looked for here from Canton - viz. the Alexander, the Washington & another, we shall no doubt have letters by one or more of them. Still, Willie, a few lines by each vessel departing, would be very acceptable. You complained because we did not write by a vessel sailing from Phil^a of which we were not aware - you may readily suppose then that we are always hoping for something from you by every ship.

As I send you papers you must gather from them the state of our market. Prices are said to be improving, but it must be very gradually, indeed - the number of arrivals from Canton for this year, will be unprecedentedly large and I much question whether any sales will be made to profit until Spring - and then the quantity of old goods in the market will no doubt affect the prices of the fresh importations.

I was asking our friend Mr Low (of Low Wilson & Co) a day or two since, if he could not give me a few hints for you of such articles as were likely to bring a profit next season - he replied that he did not immediately recollect but said you could refer to their letters to Messrs Russell & Co which would furnish you with their ideas as to the goods most likely to pay.

I suggested in my last, and indeed in previous letters, that in sending teas, it would be advisable to go for the choicest qualities - that is, if the prices in Canton are not proportionably high - you will observe there is a very great difference in prices here - while some, say young Hyson and Hyson sell for 30 to 50 cts per lb. a few chests of choice chops will bring 80. to upwards of 100 cts per lb.

By some of the recent newspapers which I send you by this ship, you will perceive that our friend B. H. Folger has at last found out that he has been most egregiously duped by his friend the "Prophet Matthias." to those who know Mr Folger, it was an unaccountable infatuation.

I have a second letter at last from your Brother Sanders, written partly at sea just before arriving at St Helena, and finished at that place 23rd July last - it has lightened my heart much for I had begun to feel more than a little anxious to hear again from him - As I believe it will gratify you to see the letter, I enclose a

copy of it - this is the second I have made; the first I sent to you Uncle Peter
Acho has always expressed great interest in both yours and Sanders' adventures. I had a letter from you some a few days since, replying to one I wrote to him with some extracts from Sanders' first - he requests me to give him as much of the details of yours and Sanders' concerns as my convenience will permit -

Sanders I perceive is now in Genoa. I find by the marine intelligence in the newspapers that the "Arnolet" sailed from Genoa a day or two ago, and our letters have been directed to Gibraltar, because of Horatio Gwynne Esq. being Consul there. Sanders has no doubt had a great treat on his arrival.

From an expression or two in his letter, I fear that he has not agreed well with Capt. Gillies. I trust there has been no fault on his part - He promises himself more satisfaction under his new Captain and it seems they have agreed well all the voyage.

Pierre was down a short time since for a few days - He is hearty and appears well satisfied with his location - Edgar and his wife with the sister Emily are now with us - they start in a few days for Baltimore on a visit - It is Susan's and Amanda's wish that your sister Sarah should pass the winter with them at Saugerties - and if Sarah wishes to do so, which I believe is the case - it will be arranged.

Catharine & Sarah who I said in my last had gone up to spend a little time with them, come down with them.

We have concluded it best to send Julia & Mary to Mr. Willard's - they went up a week ago yesterday, accompanied by your Aunt Paris, Sarah P. & your cousin Eliza Romeyn and her sister Helen D. and escorted by your Uncle Washington.

I believe I told you in former letters that your cousins Eliza & Helen had been for some time at Mr. Willard's with the view of preparing themselves for teachers as an eligible means of supporting themselves. They were at first doubtful whether they would be satisfied with the profession, but after the trial they have then far made, they are upon the whole very well pleased - your little sisters will find their residence there much pleasanter in consequence, for they are estimable and intelligent women.

I have been looking out for some good school, on reasonable terms, in the County for your little brother Wallace also - for I am not pleased altogether with the

Andover attention - I inquired of Wallace while he was at Saugerties that he should write to me but I was able to get only one letter from him - that however satisfied me that the minor branches, at least those which are usually thought so in "grammar schools", were not attended to.

Your Aunt Paris has returned from Troy and brought me a letter from Julia - your sisters are upon the whole very well pleased - Julia says they are more so than they expected to be. Your Uncle Mark after seeing his party safe at Troy and paying a call to Mr. Willard - came down the river the next day as far as Saugerties, and passed between two and three days with Pierre and Edgar - he returned to Troy and brought down your Aunt & Sarah P. with Irving P. as far as West Point - Irving continued on with his mother who your Uncle & Cousin Sarah crossed to Cold Spring to Gov. Kemble's where they are yet with Mr. Paulding's family - I understand from your Aunt that your Uncle was much pleased with Pierre and Edgar's locations and delighted with Pierre's fine little children.

The little Prædie I now have has concluded to remain at Syracuse - Mr. J. Dodge has removed from Johnston to that place - by the way, his daughter Mr. Baldwin lately lost her infant daughter so also has your cousin Jane Pondinot, and your cousin Jane Lyndburn has lost an infant son only some two or three weeks old.

Irving Paris has rejoined his class at Washington College Hartford, Conn.

I should not be surprised if your cousin Pierre should return to New York - I believe his chance at the West but indifferent - I doubt whether he is calculated to succeed there - the Kentucky, and indeed the Western Lawyers generally, are a pretty elbowing set of fellows and Pierre being quite the contrary - is not fitted to compete with them - I observe that a new firm has been started at Canton - by J. H. Perit, and Russell, Knapp & Co. of Mendon.

I at first thought it to be an attraction of the concern that you are with, but doubted as I did not see Mr. Heard, or Mr. Green or Mr. Goodridge's names mentioned - our friend Mr. Low has told me that it is a different concern entirely - I hope to hear from you more frequently with some such detail as Sanders gives in his letter - but long, or short, let me hear from you as often as possible and advise yourself that the time will be well spent.

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