

Mr. Wm. Tilden in ship.
Mr. William Irving
Canton, China.
My dear Willie.

from Boston

New York Nov 22nd 1834

I wrote you three letters with as many parcels of newspapers, letters &c by the Mary which sailed eight or ten days since - one of the parcels was intended for the Alexander, Capt. Hallett, but to my no small vexation I missed her by a half hour or so, by a little delay of Theodore in sending his letter for the parcel. The Commerce and the Splendid both arrived three days since - the former brought your parcel containing letters from me, Pierce, Edgar, Theodore & Catharine, and the latter, one for Theodore - I need not say how gladly they were received, or how much we were gratified by their accounts of good health and spirits.

I see that you were under correct impressions as to the effect on our market of the unprecedently great number of vessels from Canton by the papers and price currents. I have sent you from time to time you will be well able to judge of it - better no doubt than I can, for I am not sufficiently conversant with the trade - it is possible that some few articles may still pay a profit - but they can be but few. Thus I have told you are said to have sold at a loss of from fifteen to thirty per cent - the later sales of Canton goods have sold for rather better prices; the improvement however can only be trifling and I fear the arrival of the two last ships and the expectation of some others on the way, will prevent any advance at least for a time, especially as the season is at hand when business with us is usually dull.

I have all along thought that the effect of this overstock would be to create a reaction and that we should have fewer arrivals the next season - this is the natural course, and it will no doubt be the case, but I fear the overstock of Canton goods is so great that it will be some time before prices will mend sufficiently, and then of course will affect the news.

It is said that in consequence of the admission of teas now free of duty - all the old and inferior teas that were to be purchased in Canton have been shipped to the U.S. if that has been the case, those who have entered on the speculation, will find themselves as you say "rowed up Salt River".

I hope your house will not lose much of their custom as you seem to fear - it is probable that the new concerns started at Canton last Spring may divert some of the business, but then the house is too well established to be seriously

interfere with, and if they should some customers they will gain others. Besides the business is constantly increasing, and there will be enough for all. I am delighted to hear that you are on such good terms with Mr. Heard and that Mr. Green began to unbend. You have no doubt found your situation still pleasant on Mr. Toolidge's return to Canton. I persuaded myself that all things will work well for you and you may depend on our doing here what we can for your interest.

The affairs of Gill, French & Whitte are settling down slowly. I have as yet only received enough from them to pay the Boston horse bonds I had given for them. They yet owe me about \$1000 or something more for my note but which I had to pay. The amount is secured and I shall ultimately realize the whole, but it will be some time longer first; it has put me however to considerable inconvenience.

I mentioned in my last that your brother Edgar wrote us from Baltimore that he had had a slight touch of the Cholera, but had recovered from it - his next brought us accounts of his little wife Amanda having experienced a violent attack of the disease, and for four and twenty hours he had not left her bedside expecting every moment would be her last, she has however survived it but is so greatly prostrated that it will be some time before she recovers her usual health and strength - so that it is not likely that she will return to Saugerties until spring - in fact it will be too inconvenient to attempt it for we may look

for the arrival of the Hudson by the ice in the course of fifteen or twenty days. - Edgar seems to regret the circumstance very much, for he and Amanda had been making preparations for the winter, and had calculated on a happy and joyous time at Saugerties - perhaps it is all for the best - like most young house keepers, they are not aware of the troubles attending the keeping of an establishment and look only on the bright side of the matter. I had understood that Mr. Fenner

was anxious to keep the young couple at Baltimore for the winter, and Amanda will no doubt find herself much more comfortable there.

We have letters from Troy which inform us that your sisters Julia and Mary are well again - and that there had been no new case of the small pox at the Seminary. I shall try to see them again before the closing of the river - probably in about a week or ten days.

I went to Tarrytown last week as I said I intended, and well up with Oscar to Sing-sing. Harbison was well except a slight cold and appeared very well satisfied with his situation. I was much gratified by hearing that the inmates of the Seminary are pleased with him. I got the Wagon from Carlisle

Hale, brought it down just in time to get it on board the Hoop for Saugerties when I find it has safely arrived. Pierre will no doubt find it movable - your Uncle had had a pole fitted for it so that it can now be used with either one or two horses, and as he and Edgar each keep a horse, it they will drive together they can accommodate one another.

Your Uncle had been up to Oscar's two or three days before me - his view to have revived his desire of purchasing the Cottage and ground of Mr. Ferris on the bank of the river below Oscar's, and authorized Oscar to purchase it. Ferris had determined to build anew on his ground above on the turnpike road and was therefore more willing to sell, and Oscar concluded a bargain the day I was up there. Your Uncle is much pleased with his purchase and though he says that he does not intend to spend much on the place; he will find it run away with more than he dreamed of - but he has a good right to spend his money on one hobby or another, and I expect will find great amusement in improving the place. I walked round on the ground and saw that it is capable of being made a beautiful little spot at trifling expense. Mr. Ferris is to give possession of the ground on 1st of April and to quit the house 14 days by which time his new one will be ready. Your Uncle always thinks of others in all his plans, and flatters himself that I will find much amusement and occupation in assisting him in beautifying the place - he no doubt calculates on making it a snug little nook for the family. Yours, dear Willie truly, Thos. Fenner.

In a letter from Pierre to Theo. yesterday he says. "from a paper lying before me I observe that the Arnold Walker arrived at Genoa on the 2^d October". he does not say what paper. - I have carefully looked over all I have fallen in with without success. - that is about the time I expected London would reach them. - it is the first intimation of the ship since she left St. Helena.

Mr. William Irving

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Dear Sir
Chas. Irving. Jan 23rd
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