

Mr Gallatin presents his compliments to
Mr Irving, and is sorry that he cannot give him
any information respecting the trunk put on board
the *Bepture* by Dr Irving, and of which he never
heard before. The *Bepture* left Harwich for
Antwerp in the beginning of July 1844, and remained
at Antwerp till the end of ensuing October. The
John Adams sailed from Texel for the United
States about 1st Sept^r of same year. Dr Irving
arrived in Ghent about the same time and
spent there several months. He must therefore
have ascertained what had become of the trunk.
Information may be obtained from Lloyd Jones
Captain of the *Bepture*, whether he received the
trunk at all, and, if so, to whom he delivered it.
Christopher Hughes jun^r of Baltimore to whom it
was directed, & George M. Dallas of Washington
who came home in the *John Adams*, may

perhaps also give some information on
the subject.

Mr Gallatin did not receive Mr Eving's
note before Monday night; which will
account for the delay in answering

20th Dec. 1845

A Gallatin
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