

New York April 10th 1835-

My dear Will.

I am glad to hear of an opportunity for writing to you. Now that I am but little in the city, I am apt to miss the vessels that may be sailing from time to time, and therefore do not write so regularly as formerly; but however I believe you may generally calculate upon letters from some one or other of the family by every vessel. — Your last letters gave us all much delight; and for me, I assure you, I was more than a little gratified to hear that you were getting along more pleasantly, and in fair spirits; for indeed, my dear Will, I often think of you, and know that your situation must be anything but agreeable. I only hope that you may be able to keep up a good heart, and get ahead so much as to be enabled to return among

us with a comfortable independence; and
that too pretty soon - I trust - that the
little assistance we may be able to give
you from time to time, may help to effect
that object - I do not hear much that
is going on, but I believe they are thinking
of sending you another adventure - and
I wish it was in my power to do something
towards it; but just now, I am rather
among others, pretty closely pushed, altho'
I have \$7000 invested in a brewing concern.
Thus far in my career, there appears to be
something of the 'lone' about me; everything
I take hold of, from that moment goes
downwards. As in the present case, when I was
taken into the brewing, we thought to make a
fortune in a hurry (and certainly the pros-
pect was excellent) all that was wanting
was more capital, which I found; but
foolishly having exchanged a first-rate
brewer, for one that we ^{know} nothing about, and
who has proved to be worse than none at
all, we have lost the Lord only knows
how much - Pierre has become discouraged,

by his repeated misfortunes, and is studying
Divinity! - And Barclay Livingston and myself
are making a desperate effort, with another
and good brewer, to retrieve our fortunes -
how it will end, this summer will decide.
If we can get up again, with our diminished
resources, we will stand a fair chance of
doing well - In which case, as fast as I
get ahead, I mean to send adventures to
you, for our mutual benefit -

I must have family news in general to others
in the family who are writing - I am preparing to
return to Baltimore tomorrow for my wife, and about
the 1st of May will take her up to Languties.
Kate & Sarah Paris are at Baltimore with Amanda,
and enjoying themselves very much - I have a
small little cottage at Languties, but I have been
hesitating whether or no I could afford to continue
in it - however, I will try it once more -

I wish you could be ~~there~~ with us there for a
while this summer - however, I hope it will not be
much longer before we will see you. For if your pros-
pects do not begin to improve pretty soon, it would
be nonsense to continue where you are - All
we have to do, is to do our best, and help each other.

I suppose you hear of Sanders attempt - with
Father in the auction business - I hope they may succeed.
but it is hard to tell in these times -

Wash came down from school a day or
two since, looking very well - He is growing
some little, and very much like you - he talks
of writing to you -

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Amanda always tells me to send her love to
you - I doubt whether you have much recollection
of her
Your affectionate brother

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- I have done nothing! -

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