

her Bouque Mary Ballou

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Camden.

My dear Willie

New York April 19th 1835

By last two letters of March 12th & 20th which I believe went by the Samarang from Boston, ~~with~~ and of which you have copies herewith will furnish you with all I have to say on the score of business at present. I add to this parcel also ^{duplicate} copies of the 5th Memorandum from Jable F. J. and the Statement of the proceeds of the sales here Santa and Plato. We have nothing from you further than is acknowledged in the enclosed copies. I send by the Mary Ballou two large parcels of newspapers - one of the minor books, & latest newspapers. also a couple of catalogues of the last sale of Camden letters. - You will see that these goods sold well, happening just prior to the season - an immediate arrival of others would not be so successful, but if the goods are not here soon they are not likely to do quite so well as our season is passing rapidly - Business generally has never been better in New York - stocks have not been so abundant - money very plenty - prices of all kinds of produce high - country merchants have paid well - confidence completely restored and the consequence "a roaring business" - It behooves our good people however to be cautious, lest the same reaction take place as is usual - I shall not be surprised to see money scarce comparatively next winter and bearing a better price than at present. The papers I send you are a file of the American (N.Y.) and another of the Journal of Commerce - I think the latter a valuable paper - the Editor generally takes a candid view of things you will find good observations etc it a trade - and it quotes the prices of ~~goods~~ of Camden goods. The three boxes of tea mentioned in my last are still unsold. Those things will go down as the price of fair quality, and tea are gradually rising in price. By the observation in your letter of 31st Oct it would seem that about that time of the year, exchange on England is in the best demand. As the credit is of importance to us with our limited means, I have judged it advisable to defer purchasing any bill of the U.S. Bank until the 1st of April which may be introduced to sail in the course of the next month, so that we may have a better chance of receiving and making sales of the goods in which you may invest the funds, and thus meet the notes without difficulty. Should the goods you may determine to be most likely to pay profit, be likely to rise in price by the time the funds

reach you, perhaps Miss Russell & Co. may allow you to draw on them in ~~the~~ anticipation. I shall try to send you the same amount as before say £500. If I can manage to get more. ~~Maybe~~ send another £500 on my own account and we will then make the £1000. a joint concern and divide the profit or the loss. By the time you will receive this letter, it is probable that you will

have become tolerably well acquainted with the Canton Market and its fluctuations. opportunities may present themselves, when you can get articles at very reduced prices. perhaps at such times Miss Russell & Co. may allow you to draw on them for a moderate sum to be reimbursed by a resale of the goods or from profits received from abroad.

In the parcel containing the Mirror, you will find a couple of volumes from the pen of Charles F. Hoffman - the result of his rambles in the far west "in the winter of 1834." Also the first No. of the "Oregon Miscellany" being a Tour on the Prairies, by your Uncle Washington. You Uncle would have published something before now, but the public expectation and wish being for some article relating to our own country, he found it necessary to accommodate them - having got this work launched and thus broken the ice, we shall hear a little often from him - the second number is in fact prepared and will probably be published in the course of six weeks or so.

In the same parcel you will find a lithographic print of a young lady, a French production - your Uncle has happened to see it at some book store and brought it home on account of its resemblance to your sister Catherine - the likeness struck me the moment I looked at it - it is very much as she appeared this winter when prepared to leave a three little parties to which she and Sarah Paris were invited, with a handsome single white rose in her hair much after the fashion of the prints.

features are very like her - except that Catherine's mouth is prettier - you may know that Catherine dresses the best quite as low as is respectable in the prints. That style is not fashionable with us and besides Catherine's mouth is not given to display. Theodore's book is in the press and may be ready for publication in about a month or so. Your Cousin John Treat I. also has a work about Indians and the prairies almost ready - it is the result of an expedition he took a year since with Mr. Sturtevant in the U.S. Commission for settling the Indians west of the Mississippi - in some gentlemen you will have war with - I referred you to some of French sketches in the

New York American newspapers which I sent you last fall - Treat took that expedition on account of his health - he came home with a good stock apparently, but he seems to have relapsed again - he has been to the south this winter for a couple of months and has recruited - Your Uncle the Judge however thinks it advisable to

send him away again and it is pretty much determined that he shall sail for Europe in the course of next month - His brother Gabriel has another daughter - Gabriel has grown up business, and as his health is none of the best he has made his arrangements for locating himself at Napa Bay, Long Island, near his wife's mother -

I believe I mentioned in former letters that your cousins Irving & his wife Susan and his sister Julia were passing the winter with Henry & his wife at Boston - they broke up from there about five weeks since and are again located at New York in Broadway - Irving is at present on a tour of business as far as Richmond Mrs. Streets in Broadway - I understand that he and his wife have at least brought matters to bear and that she is just to be "conquered" about July next - By our letters from your sister Catherine and your cousin Sarah P. they are enjoying themselves highly at Baltimore - Catherine says that she feels like a different being there - the Baltimore ladies visit much and sociably - and the girls are treated with great attention - they much regretting the last of this week with Irving & his wife, but will be down in a day or two and go immediately to Baltimore - he expects to bring Amanda on about 1st of May - He is not unlikely that Pierre will break up at Langston - he has long been very seriously inclined and has at length determined to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church - and is preparing to do so - I have never thought a clergyman to be envied - but have viewed the life as one of privation of great self denial, much anxiety, and no little mortification still if entered with proper views and feelings, such as I believe Pierre to entertain, it may by the blessing of Heaven be an enviable life. Pierre has talents of good sense, and has always been accomplished - he is a very sensible man, with no doubt take care of him -

The Judge's son Washington, who you will recollect was in Cambridge Irving's & whose health has of late been indifferent has been taking a winter to the south with one of our jobbing Pearl Street merchants - on his return he stopped a short time in Richmond where he heard much of you and his mother that he was not surprised that you spent so much time after he heard how much you were thought of and cared for by the good people of the place

no doubt mentioned an intended visit to ~~that~~ Troy with your sister Sarah had been strongly urged by some of her little Troy friends at Mr. O'Brien's school to spend "Parrish week" with them at Troy - the party started on Friday evening last 10th inst. as Sarah is a great favorite with them I have no doubt but she will be well pleased with her visit - You must see that you get all your pearls by this vessel - this are true of newspapers - one of the Mirror books &c. - and a fourth of letters &c. - Mr. T. Branch Livingston from Langston has just called - he left Pierre all well he says Pierre read Prayers yesterday in their neat little church, and did so well - Edgar will be down to day with Anna and the little ones - your very dear Uncle very affectionately Yours truly

