

Saratoga Aug 9th 1853

My dear Sarah



I write merely to say that I shall leave Saratoga tomorrow morning in company with Mr Kennedy. We take the Rail Road for White Hall, then the steamer on Lake Champlain for Plattsburg or Round Point - then the Rail Road to Ogdensburg - then a steamer for Oswego where we part; Kennedy continuing on to Buffalo, and I proceeding to Syracuse where I shall pass a day or so with the Baldwins - then visit Charles for a day or two and then steer homeward.

My time has passed very pleasantly at Saratoga; ~~though~~ I dined a day or

two since at Mr John Hamiltons, with
a very ~~to~~ agreeable party and had the pleasure
of sitting next to Marys friend Miss Dring
who looked very pretty although she wore no
cap.

I have been hoping to receive a letter
from home giving me an account of the
state of affairs after the heavy rain of
Saturday, which appears to have done so
much damage in various places.

I shall leave orders to have any letters
that may arrive for me, returned to Decimus
with love to all ladies.

Your affectionate uncle
Washington Irving

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I have been thinking of you
very much lately and how
much you have done for me
and how much I owe you
for all your kindness and
help.

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from you and hope you
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