

Sunnyside June 1st 1888

F. Dieffenbach
President of the
Sunny College

Dear Sir

I must excuse your indul-
gence for my delay in acknowledging
the receipt of the lithographic view of
your college which you have had the
kindness to send me. I find it utterly
impossible to be punctual in my cor-
respondence.

The establishment as represented has
a commodious and pleasing aspect, with
some what of a military air, while the

gallant array of students parading
before it show that it is well garrisoned
that it may continue to flourish and
train up many such bands to be the
strength and glory of their country is
the earnest prayer of

Yours, ever dear Sir,

very respectfully

Washington Irving



I have been thinking much lately of the
future of this country and of the
state of our union. It seems to me that
there is much to be done to
strengthen and preserve the union as
the present state of affairs is
not satisfactory. I hope that the
people will take an interest in
the subject and will do all that
they can to preserve the union.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Signature]