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Worthy and dear Sir,



We live in portentous times
and every thing is full of direful
omen. I paid a visit yesterday to
my neighbor Mr Stoge and forthwith
a formidable cudgel was presented to
me on the silver head of which was
engraved Fort Duquesne, being fabricated
from the ruins of that strong hold of
former days. I came home and to
another weapon of the kind is put into
my hands from your castle of wood
cliff. - What does all this mean
are we preparing for the contest

of the caddis? Is club law to rule
the land? - In the midst of all
this a herald in hot haste has
summoned me to a feast to be
given by the great sachem of
Pekahoe - doubtless a war feast,
in honor of the hero of the Rocky
Mountains -

Now be I am a peaceable man.
I have declined the sachem's invita-
tion to his war feast -
I accept the same under
condition that, if club law is to be
the order of the day, I be permitted

to keep my caddis quiet - and of
I accompany you this morning to
pay a visit to ~~the~~ Colonel Fremont
at the ^{sachem's} wigwam I shall certainly
leave my caddis at home.

Yours truly but peacefully
 Washington Irving

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