

Mr. Stephen Morrison

Mr. William Irving

Canton. My dear William

New York June 14 1853

I received your ^{of 8th inst.} ~~from~~ ^{from} family
hook up board the *Clamatis* three days after they were written and was
much gratified by their tenor. Your promise of embracing any chance
opportunity during your voyage of dropping in at home was most welcome
~~will occur for the idea that we were~~
~~not necessarily~~ expect to hear from you for a long, long while is not
agreeable. I shall examine the marine detail of the news papers
now with more scrutiny than ever. Your Uncle Harbington
& your brother have seen more of Mr Russell since you sailed and
are more pleased with him than before and I trust you will have
found the partnership in Canton as much to your liking. I have
little doubt but it will be the case if you make your interest
and welfare your governing principles, for both cannot but be
promoted by integrity, diligence and gentlemanly conduct. You
are launched my dear Willie on a distant, but active and pro-
mising theatre where we trust your talents will be turned to prompt
and good account, and enable you ere long to assist in
~~building up the fortunes and extending the civilization of the~~
family. All our friends who are aware of your departure, think
very favorably of the enterprise, and I pray heaven it may
succeed to our utmost wishes.

The visit of our old President his occasional
exciting times in this good city of Gotham his reception
was a fine one, the approach to the City though I think not
equal in brilliancy to Lafayette's, yet did not fall greatly
short of it. The crowd on the Battery and through Broadway
was immense and the cheering and waving of handkerchiefs
were incessant. The old General was on horseback with his
hat in his hand bowing gracefully on all sides. If you

See, and have any recollection of the reception of President Monroe when he visited New York. you will have a good idea of the scene in the procession, through broad way particularly, was very similar.

The old General has certainly been very handsomely received and as far as I can learn is highly gratified. all now seem to be good Jacksonians. Disputations are

going on in every direction inviting a visit - one from Middletown in Conn. came to Mr Russell who applied to you uncle Mark to present them to the President - and it was gratifying to you Mark to have the opportunity of obliging him - Mr. Russell invited you Mark very cordially to pay him a visit at Middletown, where I understand he has a splendid residence. Near your old quarters in Middletown - instead and completed since you played the violin from there -

We have lately heard from your cousin Jos. P. Dodge and learn that poor Romeyn has finished his career - he died about a fortnight since - from the accounts we had before you sailed, I was well aware that the hope he indulged of getting back to his father before he should close his eyes, was delusive. the intelligence was of course expected - the advice comes in a letter from Jos R. to his uncle Mr. Dodge - he mentions that it is the intention of Mr. Romeyn & Helen to come on shortly and that he and his wife will accompany them -

Your Aunt Paris' health, to my great comfort continues to improve and she is able to take some short rides. Your Uncle Paris made his appearance in my bed room rather unexpectedly the morning after you sailed (Sunday) - I had thought him busily

engaged in planning a village at his father's (Union) of the Saranac - it seems however that the present time was not propitious for that purpose and he has therefore deferred putting the project into effect for a while - I have little doubt but that property will prove valuable.

Maria Vandenburg and her elder sister Margaret are in town - they are

staying in our old quarters at Farmington - and Edgar is to escort them to the place to-morrow morning. Maria's company will no doubt be very acceptable to your cousin Sarah Paris.

By this ship the "Morrison" we send a small box, which I understand says is from Mr. Frost with some clothes - also a paper (brown) parcel containing the books I had bound for you viz - 4 vols - Conquest of Granada, 2 vols. Life & Voy. of Columbus 2 vols. - & 4 vols. romances of Columbus 1 vol - also a pair of boots you left to be repaired -

You will bear in mind to look round well, and let us know whether any good opportunity offers either at Canton, Maudslayi or elsewhere, for your brother Flanders.

We are all well at home and all are busily employed in house clearing. I shall be well pleased when the operation is fairly over. Flanders has just received a few lines from Pierre which left him and Anna and their little ones well -

Your cousin Gabrielle & his wife I understand have just arrived from Charleston - the trip is said to have been of service to him -

Yours very dear Willie truly and affectionately
Edw. Irving.

Mr. William Irving

care of Messrs Russell & Co.

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Dear Sir
Jan 14 1863
Per Thos. W.