

My dear Willie

Sunny Side, Sunday Eve. Jan<sup>y</sup> 29, 1854

I will send you the loan (<sup>of</sup> ~~the~~) you request in yours of 25<sup>th</sup> inst. but I am "hard up" myself just now: it happens however that I have twenty five (25) dollars in my pocket and I adore them, the rest I will forward in eight or ten days. if in immediate want of the balance, by the way, and I will borrow it.

Your previous letter of Dec 23<sup>d</sup> came duly to hand. both letters have interested me. You say that you had seen the Pres. again, and upon his own invitation - it is no doubt his intention to provide you with a situation, or at least should he appoint a time for you to call. Allowances are to be made for his not acting promptly, for he is no doubt overwhelmed with cares and beset by politicians and demagogues on every hand.

You will do well to make your appearance at his receptions occasionally, without importunity however, or alluding to your desire of place, unless he leads to it himself; it will serve to remind him of his promise.

I suspect that I am wrong in the impression that Mr. Mackay and Dr. Krismann are lawyers; I had doubts however from the very loose manner in which their agreement is drawn; and I am your somewhat that you would call at the Treas<sup>y</sup> depart<sup>t</sup> to make enquiries. I begin to think that they are clerks there - for I know that ~~there~~ <sup>some</sup> who have access to the books, have made money, by hunting up the parties in whose favor balances have been long standing of which they knew nothing, or had entirely forgotten - these clerks would then directly or indirectly, apprise those creditors, or their heirs &c. that they knew of amounts due to them, and would undertake to obtain them provided they were allowed one third or one half of what they should get; as in this agreement of Mackay & Krismann.

I have spoken to Edward Heyer and Robert Hyslop - the former says that, like me, he has not heard a word from them since he signed the agreement, and wishes, should you be able to get some definite understanding in the matter, that

I would communicate it to him. Mr. Hylope has no recollection of signing the agreement. (It may have been signed by "Robt. Smith." for Smith & Hylope) - Hylope however says that some four or six years ago. Henry Ogden, who was Clerk at the Custom House under Sam. Swanton, called on him as agent for some one in Washn. offering to procure the return of notes improperly changed upon terms as above, that he agreed and finally obtained, but it was of trifling amount. These claims that Messrs. M & W. have in hand may have arisen in the same way, but if they accrue only on imputation from beyond the Scope of G. W. I do not see that I can have any interest, but again, it is possible that it may arise from your small insight from Canton; whatever it may be, I apprehend it is of trifling moment, still, give it your attention and enquire also as to Edward Heyer's and W. Hylope's interest.

You mention having made acquaintance with Capt. Brian Paddock of the Navy at the President's. I believe him to be a very worthy fellow and hope that you have kept your promise to call with Sarah at the Navy yard. As you will probably be located in Washington for some years it is well to make the acquaintance and be on pleasant terms with all of good standing and influence. I cannot learn from your letters whether Sarah has taken care to get on the right side of Mr. Morgan, or indeed that she has even seen him; but I take it for granted that she has, for her own goodness of heart would induce her to show those little courtesies and attentions so acceptable to a stranger in a strange place.

We had a letter a few days since from Sanders' little wife, informing us that the Mrs. Jeffries contract

to introduce gas into Livingston is successfully completed, and that Sanders is now "waiting orders," as Navy officers say. Mr. John Jeffries, who is the "Boss" writes him that he must be ready for a move, that he may have to proceed to Montgomery in Alabama if it is not yet decided however. Julia says that should they go it will probably be by way of New Orleans, which seems to be a very roundabout route, yet perhaps the most convenient as it would be all the way by steam boat; down the Ohio and Mississippi to N. O. thence to Mobile and up the Alabama to Montgomery.

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Moses H. Grinnell is a good fellow for taking care of his relatives and friends - Our neighbour Henry Holdrige, who you are aware married one of Moses' nieces, Mr. Grinnell's sister, was through Moses' influence chosen vice Pres. of the "General Mutual Ins. Comp<sup>y</sup>" with a handsome salary - the Comp<sup>y</sup> was formed but a very few years since - it has met with such heavy losses, that the directors have recently concluded to "wind up" - just now it happens that the Agent of the Genl Mutual in New Orleans died lately and the vice Pres. of the Comp<sup>y</sup> Mr. Seton, has gone there to replace him - and the "Genl" has chosen Mr. Holdrige as 2<sup>d</sup> Vice Pres. salary \$4,000.

Little Kate is well and in good spirits and getting on finely; as much of a favorite and pet as ever; I would fear it might spoil her, it would more than half the children in the country, but I do not see that it has a bad effect upon her - She behaves herself well and is really a good girl. Your sisters take great interest in her and are very attentive to her - they require her to attend regularly to all her studies, which she does cheerfully - She is much attached to her aunts, and they to her - She is a comfort, and company to Catharine, who happens to be in a manner almost alone at present. Sarah and Mary being in the City as also your uncle Mark. Mary has been rather more out of health the last three weeks, and wishing to be able

to see her Physician more frequently and conveniently  
availed herself of a kind and pressing invitation from Julia  
fairbank to pass some days at No. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Bathurst, "Little  
Kate" and I, beside, the parents, constitute the family at Sunnyside.  
were it not for little Kate, I suspect that Bathurst would  
feel rather lonesome. Kate has been in high favor with  
"Santa Claus" and his friends for a considerable number of  
pretty little presents were crowded into her stockings and left  
at Christmas; some came from her friends the Holdings: she  
is frequently there and on the days for the dancing lessons, they  
generally keep her all day. These attentions she felt bound to  
reciprocate and therefore a few days since gave a dinner and  
tea party to the little Holdings at Sunnyside. The oldest boy is  
something younger than Kate, the second, about seven and the  
oldest girl, (the one parent) about five: they are good children -  
all seemed to enjoy themselves.

You are right in keeping your two claims separate  
if joined, both might be thrown out. I would go for both claims  
but in different bills. Uncle Sam's bags are full, and he will  
be inclined to be a little generous, and <sup>perhaps</sup> that all will be  
done before "Santa Anna" gets his fingers in.

The notes enclosed are as follows

Bank of N. York letter & No. 834. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1. 1857. \$5.-

" " " A .. 393. " " " .. 10.-

Phoenix Bk. " B . . 2984 March 5. 1849. . . 10.-

I hope the above will pay the "Washburn" & Nurse, especially  
the former for these poor women are generally most in need of  
their money.

My love to Sarah

thine affectionately

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

William Lloyd Garrison  
care of Mr. Weston  
care of Mr. Weston  
Washington  
D.C.

P.S. let me know that this letter gets to  
hand: you need not worry about  
the money