

Sunday Jan 7th 1859

My dear Florence,

You have made me very happy
by the New Year present of your likeness
and by the kind and generously printed
letter which accompanied it. You say
you want me often to look at the
likeness and think of you I assure
you I shall often look at it as a brightener
and cheerer, from the effect it has had
in lightening up a very gloomy moment
when I was suffering from indisposition.

I send you as a reminder on my
part, a volume in which my publisher
has bound up the vignettes and illustrations

of my works, with extracts from them
and notices of their author, who I assure
you treasure up the thoughts of you
in a very tender corner of her heart.

Your affectionate friend

Washington Irving

Miss Florence Lippincott.