

Manila Is. Oct. 1835.

Dear Irving:

I have not had the pleasure to hear a word from or of you since your departure from Pinondo. I hope this will find you enjoying yourself with your family. The enclosed letter was received a few days since from China as also a package containing sundry Gazette & the last work of your uncle, "Washington Irving Esq." The "Abbeys of Novich & Northampton" is such a treasure that for the life of me, I could not return it to the rightful owner, yourself! So, shower down your maledictions upon me for this most atrocious piracy, of "wretch!" - "particular maledictions!" &c. &c. I am thousands of miles from you & cannot feel them. Seeking aside - you are not ignorant of the veneration which I in common with the whole world, have for everything written by the author of the Sketch Book, and this is my best, my only excuse for detaining the work in question. - I beg excuse it and if I have "abandoned all reason" - row me in the bitterness of your heart. Bid me "never pray more." - I wish in common

last, being exceedingly occupied in dispatching the Sumat by
which they will be forwarded.

Tomorrow night I shall be on the
way to Salajala, and will drink your health on the
summit of Mahayag - and smoke a cigar for you amongst
the "Kigutis" on the other side of the Mountains of Salajala.

The Barretts are all well & are amiable
come simpler" and frequently enquire about you. Our mutual
little sweetheart, in Manila, flourishes like a lily, & blushes
like a sun beam every time I see them. -

The Teniente Rey that was, is with the
Ehinal! He died on the night of the 23rd inst. - much regretted.

Mr. & Mrs. Sturges desire mil expressions in
common with those, from, and

Yours very sincerely
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