

New York. Oct 16. 1858

Dear Sir



I came to town this morning from the cottage where I am staying at present, and as I do not find the two letters of Col: Porter here, I write this to say that you may send them to me by mail to Livingston. I wish to refer to both in my answer to Col: Porter, and would therefore like to have them by me when I write. I notice on a fresh inspection of the Seal of Gilbert & Tankership that the arms are three single holly leaves, a curious circumstance which bears out the opinion of Col: Porter that the original arms were of this description. and were used by the first Anthony Livingston. If you refer to Col: Porter's first letter you will see that he has depicted what he considers to have been the original arms, & that they are precisely similar to the arms of Gilbert & Tankership. I retain your seals at the cottage until I get the letters, and can point out this coincidence to those who has been troubled of late with a return

of his old enemy, the Chills & fever. The papers
are in reporting him dangerously ill. The
Doctor when he first saw him on Wednes-
day felt some concern about him, which,
however, was in a great measure dissipated be-
fore he left. He has been improving ever
since under the Doctor's prescriptions, and this
morning seems quite bright again - though
still confined to his room - and under medi-
cal attendance. I do not think, however, the Dr
(Pater) will have occasion to repeat his visit
after to day.

I enclose two stamps for the letters - as I
give you the trouble of returning them in a
way I did not anticipate.

Yours truly
John A. Irving

Mr. P. P. Irving

Concerning the
original Irving
coat of arms, as
borne by Gilbert
Irving of Tankerness.