

New York May 18th 1835 -
My dear Will.

Being about to go up
to Langentins, and anxious to send you a
few lines by the first vessel that may
be sailing for your part of the world, I
will write off a few words to you and
have them behind - -

If you are still in the far east, you
will undoubtedly get letters from all by
the first ship; for, the changes that have
taken place with you since your last to
us, ~~altho'~~ it has reached us thro' other
sources than yourself, has occasioned much
solicitude to many who are anxious for
your welfare - - I suppose you are
prepared for a general blowing up! at least
I judge so from your silence subsequent
to your grand blow up with Russell & Co.,
or rather, Coolidge; but if so, I can only

exclaim, 'how much ~~you are~~ mistaken!'
We had no sooner heard of your falling
out with Colledge, and without letters from
you with an account of the affair; than
as it were, with one voice we said, "now
Will thinks that in as much as he has
swallowed with the man to whom
he was expected to look to for friendly
advice &c, he is condemned at once as
being in the wrong; and found fault
with in consequence - But my dear Will, I know
just as well as that - I sit here writing, that
you thought at the time that we would
all condemn you without judge or jury,
as a hopeless fellow &c, & so you would
not write - But will you not be surprised
when you are assured that the only thing we
blame you for, is in not writing to let us
know - Indeed you can form no conception
of the anxiety it has given us all - Before
having heard a word of the story, we unanimously
said that you must have had very good reason
for falling out; and since having heard
the story from different sources, there is
but one feeling of sympathy for you, and

~~and~~ disgust and contempt - for the two penny
set - you have had to deal with; more especially
"Colledge", the man of all others, who should
have befriended you in any possible shape.
However, it is enough to know that he is a "Yankee"
and we have no business to expect more from him
when his own interests were not concerned! -
The man wrote to Uncle Wm, a few wassive lines, on
board ship at sea, without date; and dropped the letter
in the post-office on his arrival; went on to Washington
for his family, returns here, and thence home; without
so much as letting one of the family know of his arrival.
Not even Uncle Washington, the greatest benefactor he ever
had - well may he hide his face! His letter merely
said that you had disagreed, and you had left for Manila.
and that after you had gone, that both Mr. Hord & himself
had sent letters after you, highly recommending you to -
Well, my dear Will, it may be all for the best
in the end. There is nothing like experience you know!
At least to be sure, it has been pretty dearly bought with you.
I only hope you have not become discouraged, & given up
all hope; for you have indeed had no enviable time of it -
and enough to sicken you with the world. However, you will
ever have the consolation to know that your late career
has gained for you a great deal of credit; and has proved
the stuff you are made of - It has furthermore clearly shown
the folly of one's going abroad amidst strangers to make a
fortune - I think we have all got a pretty good stomach
full of that idea - And you have now only to make
your course straight homewards as possible, to meet with
a hearty and affectionate welcome - Indeed, Will, unless
you have a very excellent prospect before you when you

are, I hope you will come immediately home. for it is, at best, folly to be wasting the flower of your life in such a forlorn hole as where you now are. It is certainly better to get along slowly and comfortably at home among your friends, than to struggle seaward with the hope of a speedy fortune, at the cost of youth and health. So, for me, with the rest, I say come home with all my heart. You certainly have ^{no} occasion to feel reluctant to return to ~~return~~ without having benefitted your pocket; but with many laurels, you will return to a joyful reception. ~~None~~ could have a better chance of getting along here than yourself; none are more capable; and without meaning to flatter your vanity, I ~~suppose~~ do think that you would find it an easy matter to make your fortune in the shape of a piece of flush oblood! And while you are in adversity, you must never forget that the good fortunes of your brothers are freely open ^{to you} when it may so happen; and for myself, I do assure you, that you will ever be heartily welcome to share my last-cent. Come along, and together we will always do well.

You need not be uneasy least old misfortunes should operate to your disadvantage. for it was a foolish adventure all round. and had there been a prospect, I should not have blamed you; for from the many different accounts I hear of your Virginia career, I only wonder that your head was not completely turned.

If you may have any of the money left, that was sent to you, you had better just make a good purchase & bring it along with you, and when you get here we will have high times. The "General" will be writing to you, and he is not less anxious for you to come home, than the rest of us. his clander is quite up, and shames the Yankee's by the wholesale. — Good bye my dear brother. In the hope of seeing you ere long. I remain most affectionately

W3295 Yours Edgar —