

Mr. Labina for Manila & Canton
Mr. William Irving.

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My dear Willie

I wrote last on the 17th instant for the Clementine
acknowledging receipt of your letters to myself & to some of the family for
Tantar, Gleinda, and Timor. Just after I had sent my letter to
Capt. Evans, we received yours of Jan^y 25th 26. per Ketchikan to your Sister
Catherine Ann. and of Jan^y 22nd per Franklin to me - yesterday Theodore
received yours of Jan^y 27th per Gaspar. I perceive that your
latter letters are written rather with flagging spirits, which of
course dampens the pleasure I receive from hearing from you - I can
readily imagine to myself, the operation of incessant and excessive
labour on one of quick and sensitive feelings and need only to work
in a very moderate degree, and as you say not very much attached
to such amusement - but, as I mentioned in a former letter, your
hurried season would soon be over and then the reverse would
be the case - I question whether the want of employment will
not be more irksome than too much of it. I am in hopes
however to hear of you becoming more reconciled to your sojourn
at Canton, and persuade myself that as you find your interest
advanced and brighter prospects of profit opening you will be able to
tolerate all its disagreeables for a time - Captain Evans, who by
the way speaks in handsome terms of you, says that when the business
is dispatched, it is the practice of the houses in the Factories to
spend their time at Malacca, which is a pleasant healthy Island,
and where there is some society. I notice by the papers
the death of Mr. Low of your house, at the Cape of Good Hope, on his
return home - we had heard of his putting in there on account of
his illness, and that it was not probable that he would long survive.
You have written to me and I was informed of this by his brother, Capt
Low of the ship Cabot, and Mr D. Low of this city, both of whom I have spoken

of before as good friends of your Uncle. It is our intention to cultivate
the acquaintance of these gentlemen and their families, on their own account
and also on yours. They appear to be very worthy and gentlemanly men, and
of excellent disposition. Your Uncle Warburton knew them both in Europe
and has always spoken of them in high terms. Mr D. Low, the one
established here, is of the house of Low, Wilson & Co. they are in extensive
business and largely in the fine fancy French goods line. I see that three
of the Canton vessels lately arrived come to them. I am in hopes of
getting some information as to the most advisable articles to send
to Canton or to ship from there especially for small ventures.
I have already heard from them and from Mr. Beane as well as from
others that the best thing we can send now is bills of the United
States Bank or London. You mentioned in one of your first letters that
Guaiacum, Cloves and Opium always answered and are among the
best articles for a venture. And you promised to write more particularly on
the subject. But your subsequent letters give me no information respecting
ventures. Mr. Brown told me that the articles mentioned above would
not answer just now. That Opium was dull, which I observe is the case by
your price current - and that he had a quantity of Guaiacum in Canton which
he wished was here when it would bring more now than there. Still I am
inclined to think it not bad policy to ship these articles of constant com-
sumption when a demand of them being an overstock and cheap. The voyage
is so long that by the time the venture arrives the stock is cleared off and
the articles in profitable demand. Such a venture should be cautiously
entered into however, for should others make the same calculation, all
might "burn their fingers". And yet, I am inclined to think that Brown is
acting on this calculation and that the stimulus given by the way of Cadiz for
the purpose of getting Guaiacum among other articles. We have made up
our minds however to send you bills of the United States Bank or London for
£500. H. to commence your ventures. I am in hopes of getting them this morning
in time to enclose one of the set in this letter. If I get them in time I will also
send a copy of the terms in which we get them for your information and comment.
I expect your Uncle Warburton will write at some time to his friend Mr. Cooley, and
will expect you to be governed by his advice in the disposition of these funds.

9/2 outlook. Mr Labina has changed and I fear I shall be
too late for him. I have then in moment got the bills. I mentioned
could enclose the first of the set. By fax £500. I send after bills
State or Mining Brothers & Co. London payable 180 days after sight
dated 22^d instant to Phil. - drawn in my favor in order to
your order. - signed by N. Middle Port - countersigned - J. Jander
Cashier. I send you a copy of the Memorandum given
to the Bank with my vote at 12 months in favor of your Uncle
Warburton for £2000. - at the Bank I saw Mr. Robinson
who says he had seen young Cuttings returned in the Gibraltar.
Cuttings informed him that you were home sick. This I thought
would no doubt be the case for the reasons I have always
stated. - but this will wear off I think and the sooner
when you have the prospect of seeing something to help
itself and see that your friends are disposed to assist you -
I have only to say adieu - & diligently. be temperate
in all things. With the warmest wishes for your most prompt
success for you - all well - in haste yours as ever
truly and affectionately
Thos. Young

Chas Irving May 23, 1834

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