

Bondary, Feb 8th 1820.

My dear Sir,



I have written to one of my Brothers in New York to have the drawing, measurements, &c. taken and forwarded for you to the Care of Mr J W Stinson. Please deliver to Messrs Perissinier Paris, with whom you can settle for any expense that may accrue.

I don't like to be over serious and disagree with ~~us~~ unnecessarily, so I must ~~mitigate~~ mitigate something of what I have said on the subject of Steamboats. There happens to be now in Bondary a young gentleman who is concerned in the construction of a Steam ferry boat at New York about which I have written, & in which one of my brothers is largely interested. He tells me that it was for some time respectable stock in consequence of the blunders of men in constructing boats & owing to inexperience, but that they can now construct them for a fourth the original expense and that the stock is very productive. It requires however a great deal of travelling to make a person

very boat people, and much will depend upon the
persons employed in managing the boat &c.

I leave Bordeaux the day after tomorrow for ~~Madrid~~
Madrid, where I shall probably pass some weeks
& then visit other parts of Spain. A letter addressed to
me at the American Legation Madrid will find me.
I write in great haste, which must serve as an excuse for
my brevity. Present my kind regards to Mr & Mrs
Quarsh & to the Knappys and believe me
very truly yours

Washington Irving.

Chas Colver Esq.

P.S. Have the goodness to find the enclosed to Knapp
I have lost his address.

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Monsieur
Mme. Coles
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à Versailles.

