

Sydenham Aug: 25th 1817 —

My dear Scott —



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I beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance Mr
Washington Irving whose literary & personal character I
think from his intimacy with Mr Prescott are probably known
to you by reputation — If it should not be so I can
make no other apology for introducing him as my friend to
you than that I reserve it as the last ~~attestation~~ which I
can shew to a friend whom I truly esteem at parting ~~then~~
make him acquainted with you — The number of my
friends to whom I have shewn this expression of my
regard has not I believe seem'd to make me a trouble-
some correspondent — but I ought most cordially to
thank you for the repeated attention which ~~you~~ have
shewn to my introductions — If I were disposed to take
an unfair advantage of your patience I could indeed con-
-trive to be very troublesome for I have occasion to refuse
a letter to you about once a month — but it is not once
in years that I meet a man like my good friend
Washington Irving & I rejoice that he will be gratified
with the sight of a man of genius whom he admires
with the enthusiasm of a cultivated mind through
the means of (my dear Scott) your sincere & grateful friend
Thos Campbell

