

Little Clontarf, Westminster Abbey

May 10th 1842

My dear Charles,



I was pained at receiving accounts from Mr Murray of your indisposition, and your letter gives me the more unmeaning feeling, there is such disagreement as to its nature, among the various physicians you have consulted.

As they must evidently be prescribing in the dark I would be cautious about taking any violent remedies, that, in case of being ~~the~~ wrong, might operate powerfully on your system; and would rather trust to diet and exercise. ~~If you~~ You say the journey to Paris injured you. It is plain therefore that fatigue and excitement should be avoided. Any more obstruction to study I should

think would prove them inferior. As the beautiful season for the country is coming on, I should suggest a residence at some of the pleasant watering places, where there was agreeable society; and where, without entering into the dissipation, you might amuse yourself as a looker on; and might have the recreation of easy walks and drives.

Your grandfather was in his usual health when I last saw him, though daily growing feebler. He prevailed on Mr. Copland to remain with him by offering to let the library immediately on foot under his direction and to make him librarian with a liberal salary. I thought Mr. Copland right in

accepting his offer: indeed, though I should have been most happy to have had Mr. Copland with me, I should never have suggested the thing to him had not I been expressly solicited to use my influence ~~in~~ for his appointment by Mr. Bage: the Attorney General of the U.S. who was making interest in his favor with others of the Cabinet. Mr. Alexander Hamilton's son of Mr. James Hamilton has been appointed in his place.

I shall remain in London only to the present week; ~~and~~ if you can come up to town for a day I shall be most happy to see you. You will find me staying with a friend, Mr. Baudinot - little distant westward in Albany.

I am my dear Charles



Very truly & affectionately Yours
Washington Irving

Charles Bristol Esq.

P.S. Your friend Mr. Mills has just returned to London and resides No 3. New Street Spring Gardens.

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