

Saratoga Springs, Aug. 1st 1852

My dear Kate,



I wrote a hasty line yesterday requesting you to send ~~the~~^a carriage to the Station for the 8 o'clock train on Monday evening. I still request it; but you must not be disappointed if I do not come on. I may be tempted to prolong my stay here a little as Albion has arrived, and there is a talk of a concert. Should one be advertised for Monday or Tuesday evening I shall remain to attend it, as I should hear her to more advantage here than at New York.

I continue to enjoy my sojourn here yesterday an old friend arrived whom I have

not been for upward of thirty years, and
who had his wife with him, a Charlestown
lady, with several of her relatives and
friends, so that I found myself surrounded in
a new and very pleasant circle. This
is a wonderful rallying point for agree-
-able people from all parts of the Union.
Judge Webster expects the rest of his party
on Tuesday. I find Thoreau is with them.
They come on in company with Mrs. Lydian
(Anne Sherman) and her mother.

I continue to take the waters; which
I trust will clear me of all bilious
humors for the rest of the year.

I am glad to find Oscar and Eliza

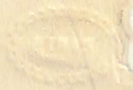
are with you. I feel easy, therefore, as you
will have cheerful company: the horse
keeping will be attended to and my
horses will have exercise.

What an awful affair this is of the
thunder day. It is well it did not occur in
our neighborhood. I grieve to think of the
bad affection into which poor Mrs. Brown
is plunged: whose lately I met at the
Hamiltons, so full of gaiety and happiness.
Give my love to your father & Eliza
Oscar and all inquiring friends.

Yours affectionately until

SHR Washington Irving

Dear Kate Irving



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