

Cassilis Oct. 16th 1858

My dear Sarah,



I am quite disappointed
in receiving no letter from any of you
for the last four days. When about
I like to hear frequently from home, if
it be but a line at a time. When
you have nothing to tell, say so, for
that is a sign that all is going on
well; whereas when you are silent I
may imagine that something is wrong.
I have been here (Mr Andrew Kennedy)
since Thursday last: in a respectable
cheerful house where I am made to feel
perfectly at home. I have been every
day on horseback riding about the

beautiful country in splendid weather
and enjoying myself greatly. Tomorrow
I set off with Mr Andrew and John
Kennedy for Winchester where we
shall extend our excursion to Evesham
Court; once the residence of old Lord
Fairfax, the early patron of Washington,
and an occasional resort of the latter
in his youthful days. Our excursion
will occupy us for two and perhaps
three days, and will take us to some
interesting historical points and among
~~not~~ some scenery. After our return
to Cassilis we shall remain here
until Saturday; when we set off for
Elmhurst Mills; where I shall take my
departure for New York in time to be

there on Wednesday the 20th. Continue
to write to me until I am on the
way homeward.

I have been very much surprised and
grieved to hear of the failure of Mr Draper.
I hope it may be but a temporary hesi-
tation of payments. I see the Herald is
endeavouring to get up a piece on the
occasion. It is, in fact, time to expect
a reverse in the money and commercial
world; there has been such expansion,
such speculation and extravagance of
all kinds.

Having no letter from home to answer
and none to expect until after my return
from Winchester I shall conclude by
love to all and a hope for more frequent
correspondence in future

Yours affectionately and truly

Washington Irving



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