

Tuesday Sep 3rd 1833

My dear Brother,

Sanders told me this morning there was a vessel to sail tomorrow for Canton, and I intended to write you a long letter to let you know how I have spent the summer, but a short time after breakfast, Edgar and Sanders came running in and said that Sanders was going to the East Indies three o'clock in the afternoon.

You may imagine the house was in an uproar; he saw it in the papers this morning and showed it to Uncle Washington they went immediately out after breakfast and ~~then~~ secured the place. I suppose Edgar will tell you all about it, so I will not trouble you to read it over twice. We returned from Garry Town last Saturday we have been there the last four weeks; before we went there Father took Sarah and I to West Point we were there eleven days and had a delightful visit.

Julia and Mary went with the Blackwells they have not got home yet, we have had several letters from them they appear to enjoy themselves very much. we are expecting them home every day.

Mammy went to Belleville and took Charlotte with her.

I have a list of weddings to give you. first our neighbour Miss Woodhull is married to a Mr Cheeseborough

she was married while we were in the country. Little Miss
Durand is married her was a runaway match also Mr
Bharand our old dancing master he ran away with
~~and~~ a young lady about seventeen. One of James King's
daughters is married to Mr Van Rensselaer of Albany.

I believe I have given the list of weddings and now
I will turn to something else.

Young Van Wart has come out again and brought
Susan and Julia with him, he has come out on business
it is uncertain how long he will stay, at present he
thinks he will remain two years they girls like England
very much but are delighted to get back again: they are
boarding in Barrytown for the summer, and in the winter
they are to board in the city.

Cousin Eliza and Helen Dodge are now staying
with us. Mr Domega died in the spring but I believe
you heard it before you went. Aunt Paris has just
come down to see them and I am in such a hurry
that I scarcely know what I write. I had a great deal
to tell you ~~but I am~~ but every thing is in such confusion
that it is impossible. We often talk of you and
your long voyage, but I suppose you have gone
through the greatest part of it. I hope you will answer
my letters for you do not know ^{how} I hate to write.

Mammy sends her love } Good night
and says you must take good }
care of yourself, }
Your affectionate sister
Catherine

My dear William -

I have not time to write you
by this vessel as I am getting ready to sail for
Sumatra to-morrow morning early. I did not
have the slightest idea of going this morning at
breakfast time - I have every expense paid
except clothing - I have 2 tons in the vessel allowed
me to do as I please with. we go to Sumatra
in ballast & will take a cargo for Genoa
perhaps may stop at Gibraltar - I will
write you from Sumatra if I can find any
means of sending a letter to you. if I do
it is probable you may get the letter from
there first as the Captain says he thinks
he will beat the Frasier (the vessel this
morn'g) so far as he goes - what I shall
do ~~after~~ at the end of the voyage I do not
know. will probably return to America
but will not if I can find anything else
to do - I hope I may soon hear from
you in the Arnold Wells Capt Gillies - if you
should get this before you hear of her arrival I
hope you will not fail to write me - as I will be
among strangers without any letters. My affⁿ
Sisters

Mr. William Irving
Care of Mrs. Russell & Co
Canton



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