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Sunday May 20th 1857.

Dear Sir



I must trust to your indulgence to excuse me for suffering your letter of January last to remain so long unanswered. Had it been in my power to furnish you the information you sought, I should have replied immediately; but I had no facts or correspondence in my possession relative to President Reed that had not already appeared in print. I know nothing of the 'parties' which you hint as being in feud with respect to his meaning. I have spoken of him without partiality or prejudice; as freely and dispassionately as I could, judging of him

from the facts that lay before the public.

At the time I received your letter I
was extremely tasked in preparing a
volume for the press and had to spare
my pen, as much as possible, from all other
labor - my whole correspondence has con-
sequently fallen behind hand

Wishing you the fullest success
in your literary undertaking I
remain very respectfully Yours &

Washington Irving

N. C. Watson Esq

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