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Lt. West. Slidell.

U. S. Frigate Brandywine
Med^d Squadron.

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My dear Slidell,



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Shortly after your departure on the Brandywine, I received from your father, a copy of the second edition of your work, which I immediately forwarded as you requested to my Uncle Washington. I wrote to him at the same time begging him to make some enquiry as to the prospect of finding a publisher for it in London. I yesterday received from him a reply & in lieu of any remarks of my own, I give you his own verbatum. His letter is dated at London. 30th Dec. 1830.

He says, "I am at present so much engaged by business that I can give you but a brief reply to your letter. I have corrected and trimmed up the two volumes of W. Slidell for publication, and Mr Murray is about to bring them out in a neat edition. I shall take care to have it favorably noticed in the Quarterly Review. As the work is already in print and at its second edition it is of course any body's property on this side of the Atlantic. I do not know, therefore, whether I shall be able to get ^{anything} from Mr Murray for it; but the coming out under his auspices, and aided by the countenance of the Quarterly Review, is enough to set up an author up with the public. Slidell will be able to make a better bargain for any future work: Indeed Mr Murray is desirous of having any manuscript he can furnish, and I have promised him, he shall have an offer of the

"manuscript for to send to do. I wish you, therefore,
"to advise Mr. Hiddle's friend not to publish that M.S. in
"the United States, until an arrangement had been made
"for its simultaneous publication in London. I should be
"glad to know how any length of time I should be
"likely to make the arrangement for Hiddle with Mr.
"Murray. I hope ~~there~~ Hiddle will go on to write:
"I think his plan will be a chance both of reputation and
"profit to him and that in a very great degree. It gives
"me the sincerest delight to be of any service in launching
"him before the European public, for he is a young man
"for whom I entertain a most affectionate regard."

I need not say, my dear Hiddle, how truly I am gratified
at his intelligence; I give you my hearty congratulations on
your having put into the hands of so gentlemanly a liberal a
publisher as Murray. and I trust that along with the popular
applause which cannot fail to be your meed, the change
which may lay the foundation of something more substantial.

I hope you will take my uncle's advice with regard to the
success of your plan. I would particularly request that you
would desire your father to hand over the M.S. of the "Granada"
to me to be forwarded to my uncle Washington. He will

most probably remain in London more than twelve months
longer & while he is there you may depend upon it that

you intend with the care taken care of -
I need scarcely add that if my services can avail you ought
that you may command them most freely -

I find that the report by which I am to direct
the school has been detained by bad weather, is on the
very eve of leaving the wharf. I am obliged therefore to do.

With best respects from your very affectionate & ever faithful,
Reynolds & his city. Hoffman remains at his

post very much in haste now. What is to say, about one half
the time in the forests & the other in the cellar. I am glad
however to find that he continues pleased with his situation.

I have reason to believe that it will add to his reputation
as well as to his privacy.

The young ladies of our large family conversation are much
as usual broken I say that some of them are married or
at present likely to be so, I have said all that can be told
of them. Truly, when I attempt to ~~write~~ ^{write} any particular ac-
count of the Misses individually, I am reminded of a remark
of some one, now forgotten, that life is like a lamp; or a
brother's life, made up of very insignificant items in its pro-
pors, with a great sum total at the end -

My letter was yesterday from my uncle Peter - who
is now at Paris. I find that you brother Sam. had presented
a letter of introduction of some kind - He Dr. was much
pleased with him & spoke very highly of him - He also

mentioned you in terms of great regard.

In the hope of soon hearing from you with directions
for the publication of the sequel of 'A Year in Spain' I
remain, in haste ever sincerely yours



Pierre D'Irony

My brother Edgar continues at home. I regret to say
in a very delicate state of health - His constitution
is much impaired & the late cold weather has
been very unfavorable for him.

O. J. Irony
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