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Sunny side Dec 24th 1848

My dear Sir,

Thank you most heartily for your
kind letter of greeting. I should have
driven over to see you long before this; but
soon after my return I took to building an
addition to my house, and have been closely
occupied ever since; relying on the country
workmen; so as to accomplish the job in
defiance of wind and weather. This you
must be sensible was an arduous under-
taking during the late very inclement
season; but I have succeeded in it un-
bowed my knees. I had a very agreeable

and interesting visit from you on lately & who
I find is deep in researches as to the local
history of Westchester County. It will give me
great pleasure to contribute any thing in my
power to the promotion of his task.

I am gratified to hear the most satisfactory
accounts of the prosperity of your establishment
but I always thought it had peculiar elements
of success. I look forward with great interest to
the having of it another visit.

I am expecting my brother in law to be here
today: to pass Christmas with me. He is quite
recovered from the bruises and exhaustion of
his shipwreck. His account of the horrors of the
scene is truly appalling.

I cannot express to you how happy I am to
find myself once more in my sweet quiet
little home. Indeed I am so wedded to it
that I have found it difficult to leave it
even for a day; and have ~~been~~ made my
few and very brief visits to town since my
return.

Give my kindest remembrances to Mrs
Boston and the younger members of your
family and believe me ever, with the
highest esteem and most cordial regard

Yours faithfully
Washington Irving

2. Rev. Wm. P. Bolton
1. Edward
New Rochelle