

Seaway Id., Sept. 30/46

Dear Sir,

I did not receive your note of Sept 25th until late yesterday afternoon, when I arrived home excessively fatigued, having walked several miles in the heat of the sun. It was too late then to comply with your very flattering request, even had I not been too much exhausted to receive the proposed visit.

It was my intention to attend your exhibition this morning.

But I am expecting the arrival
of visitors by the steam boat,
which may prevent me. If I do
not attend be assured it will not
be for want of interest in the
institution to which you have done
me the honor of affixing my name;
and of the continued and dis-
tinguished success of which I am
happy to receive the most
satisfactory accounts

I remain my dear Sir

with great respect
your obliged friend & servt

Washington Irving

