

Saugerties July 8th 1834

My dear Will.

I have this instant received your Letter by the New London, and I feel much ashamed of not having written to you oftener, but the fact is if I put off writing for a day I am very apt not to write at all. therefore I have determined to answer your Letter at once - As regards myself I to mention the most important person first I think it very doubtful if I ever see Canton. God knows I am willing enough to go there, but I despair of ever getting a situation of any sort. My Father has spoken to Mr. Goodhue several times but he says every Counting House there is filled, but however as soon as I return to town I shall make one more attempt. I have now ^{idle} more than a year ~~without~~ and to tell the truth my Conscience troubles me. If I don't succeed in reaching Canton (my strongest inducement for doing which is my desire of being with you for I find I can with difficulty live without you) I shall

become that vilest of all things a Proser !!!
God forgive me! - So much for business -
My only companion of the right sort since
your departure has been Theodore, and we
are now ~~th~~ together carrying on a flirtation.
He with sweet little Emily Ogden, and I
with Caroline Callender, but it is foolish to
try such a thing without money, for though
they treat us pretty well, they would look a
great deal sweeter if we only had the dosh.
as for your old flames that you enquire after
I believe they are all pretty well - Ruth I understand
has become religious! but I seldom see her
as she does not often visit the City - Kitty J.
I have nothing to ~~do~~ with me for I am in
a different set but she is still quite handsome.
Julia Fleming the damn fat thing is engaged
to be married to a man she don't care ~~suppose~~
about by the name of Newbold from Philadelphia
but she wants a roger so much she can't
help taking the first man that will take
her - she is so full of passion at present (she
is now in the City) that she very nearly rogered

me the other night on the sofa at Kings - she would
have done it if there had been no one in the room
but they won't trust us alone - I was pretty
impudent taking her hand and all that sort of
thing, for I had been drinking at our House quietly
with Theodore, and Julia was positively excited to
a great degree - Julia Palmer is not married yet
but will be I believe in the Fall - F. Kemble is
married to Pierce Butler, and has left the stage.
Your Cousin is very handsome, and has been
a good deal admired the last winter -

& "With whom do I get a little tight" you ask
Well, at the end of your letter, - with no one -
when I attempt it I can't help thinking of
the glorious old times, and I believe I will
not drink any more till I see you - I never
go to Delmonico's - it makes me sad - it brings
~~re~~ very generous fellow too vividly to
remembrance - in fact Theodore and I never
meet without talking about you, and wishing
ourselves with you - but if you think we
spend our time pleasantly here, you are
~~per~~ woefully mistaken; no place especially
New York can be pleasant without money -

I understand that you live very well in
Leauton, but I must beg you to be moderate
and take care of your constitution, for ten years
hence you and I will have some nice times in
Paris, where we will make up for the times
we have lost in acquiring in fortune -

I presume Theodore keeps you well informed
about your own family. Pierre has become a
Printer. I am now at his House as you will
see by the date of my letter. Edgar is to be
married on the 29th of this month, and to turn
Printer also. Printing will soon be a great
business, all that is required is for the able
to be good. the consumption is immense and
increasing daily -

New York July 26th 1844 Saturday -

Since the above was written I have returned
to the City. I will send you some Books
by this ^{repeal} which I hope you will find
interesting. Theodore and the rest of your
family left town yesterday to attend Edgar's
Wedding which takes place on Tuesday next
when he returns we think of going to
Newport for a week or few days after
Emily and Larry - I had nearly forgotten

W3356a

to tell you how finely we come on in the
Boat Club - we are actually out of dept! -
During the last week we had two races
with two other clubs, who have never long
Boats weighing I suppose not more than
250 lbs. but they could not catch the
old Bangi. we beat them with ease -
you and my Brother William and one
or two others are honorary members -

The vessel that carries this sails on the
1st August - I will positively write you
by the next conveyance, when I hope
I shall be able to let you know whether
I am coming to Canton or not - God
bless you my old fellow, I shall not
forget you when thinking of you and
at any other time - yrs truly
Wm. S. S.

P.S. - I open my letter to inform you
of a sad affair I have just heard - do you
remember the family of Marscoe of Philadelphia?
I believe you knew Ellen Marscoe - she has

a Sister Emily about Seventeen, whom I knew
very well a year or two ago. she is quite handsome
with a splendid person, and has been a great
Belle this winter, but alas! it was discovered
about a month ago that she was too intimate
with Mr. Head, son of the Hotel Keeper.
The poor girl I believe is pregnant, and the
worst is she does not seem ^{to} be aware of
~~the~~ the distup she has occasioned her
family, but they say, would be guilty of
the same thing a second time - this is shocking -
they should make the man marry her immediately,
if they can, or else bind her apprentice to
Henry Graham - this affair has made such
an impression on me, that I have become
quite virtuous. Would you believe it -

Say nothing about it -

W7

William Irving Esq
care of Messrs Russell & Co

~~Canton~~ -
Manilla

Per Logan

Geo. W. Carpenter Esq
1834
New York
March 1835

W 3356 b