

for
from Boston
Mr. Wm. Irving - Canton
My dear Willie

New York March 30. 1835

I was too late for the note at Boston - The
sailed from or five hours before my letter reached Mr. Goddard - I send it
now however for what it may be worth - it was written in great hurry
and contains a copy of a memorandum of silk goods suitable to this place
I had sent a copy of the same by a Mr. Wm. A. Sullivan (in an I suppose
the copy from Charleston) in my last by him of Feb 10. which I understand just
reached him in time - I had already written you twice by him. - The memo
for silk goods is from your cousin Gabriel F. I. and ^{and some of such goods} would just ~~be~~ at
this moment realize a large profit - this very fact may occasion
large sales for such goods and the result may be that twelve
months hence there will be nothing made on them - your last letter
of 31st October for Providence Emily Taylor stated that some one was running
on silk - if the importation should be large this season it may deter the
importers from ordering largely - you will be able to judge by what may be
done at Canton when the ships from the U. S. this season arrive there
I send you a copy of the account of sales handed to me by Mr.
Goddard of the two cases of silk satin for Boston - and you have
sales of the two cases of pongees for N.Y. there have done
pretty well but would have done rather better had they been held
a little longer - I have received the note for the satin at Boston
and have paid Mr. Goddard his disbursements and commissions and
will enclose an art account that you may see the result - the
tees and other small articles are disposed of except three boxes of the
former - I shall try to close these shortly and send you a statement of
them - I suppose ^{appropriating} the proceeds of the teas, towards Fryer & Co's
& Frost's accounts - I shall keep the proceeds of the Satin and Pongees
for ~~the~~ to meet the note given for the U.S. note as you suggest - and
will try to send you some more of those bills - I am inclined
to think that those bills are the best remittance they certainly are the
most convenient, unless I could learn of any articles likely to pay in
Canton which can be bought here on long credit - I do not know
of any thing at present - as I have requested you to inform me of any

thing from this quarter that will answer and as you will have good opportunity of knowing what will - I must depend on hearing from you - Dollars, I apprehend are not as good a remittance as U.S. Bank Exchange, or at ~~any~~ any rate not better, unless they should be at a premium in Canton, and hardly then as they are at a premium here say at least 2 1/2 % and when the freight, insurance, packages, interest &c are all taken into calculation the remittance of them will be about the same as if made in U.S. Bank at 2 1/2 % comm. & current exch. at the end of twelve months and then the benefit of 12 mos on the U.S. bank is an very important convenience to a person of small capital - I presume that you will understand all those computations, and be able to advise me as to the best mode of remittance

Your letter of Oct. 9th per India for Mariner intended for the Brothers at that place, came to hand per the Providence on the 13th instant, two days after that of the 31st Oct. per Emily Taylor. We are much gratified by the details you give - and do not look upon them in the light that you seemed to regard to view them - There may be a little more delay and a little more patience may be necessary on your part that we supposed - You must have a good heart my dear Willie - you cannot fail to make yourself necessary to the house and they will not be unmindful of you to their interest to put you forward - we will not be unmindful of you at home, and will see to laying an anchor to windward for you in the quarter you suggest. I must shorten my letter for I have to send it to Boston by mail for some report which Mr. Goodland writes me is to sail thence about first April - I may write again by private hand with some letters from the family - and a married catalogue of a late sale of China silks. You will hear from me by the brig Mary Ballou to sail for Providence & Canton about 10 April from New York - Sanders has gone to pay a visit to his sister Julia & Mary at Troy and will stop also at Plover at Saugerties - Sanders and Edgar went up together three or four days since - Edgar left his wife with your sister Catherine and your cousin Sarah R. at Mattitikon where they will probably remain until about 15th May - Edgar has resigned his commission in the Marine Corps much against my wishes - It was in fact throwing away 1000 dol. per ann. - I expect Sanders down in two or three days, as I am arranging some business for him - I find that my agency concern will not produce enough to cover expenses - so I applied and obtained my Quaker, Episcopalian, and I am arranging with a Mr. Lawrence & Embree for entering into the real estate business both at public & private sale - there has been a vast amount done at it within the last 12 or 18 months - and our prospects are good - Sanders is to come in as a partner - and I think that he & his partners will be able to manage it with much assistance, as I can spare him from my present agency - if the business turns out well, which make the latter a secondary affair, all will be at home - Aunt P. in fair health - Yours dear Willie truly and affectionately Edw. Irving

Copy

Account taken of two cases taken both stations for 1/4 of Mr. Irving's. Month of Canton viz.

1835					
March 4.	Total Mfgs. Edward & Goodland 2 cases ea 25 lbs. 50 lbs. at \$18.25. & 6 mos.				912.50.
Jan 29.	paid duty 10% & permit - cash.			68.85.	
Feb. 11.	freight from Canton			10.33.	
	my comm. 1/2% on \$912.50 at 2 1/2 %			22.68.	98.99.
	in on & Ball debts expected. Boston March 10. 1835.				\$ 813.59.

To the above abt. 98.99. is to be added
for interest & duty. perhaps 2.00. making 99.92. plus 86.25. to R. J. J.

Sales of two cases Pongees for Plato. Act. of Mr. Irving.

1835					
Feb. 5.	Total Irish Down &c. ad 8 mos. 2 cases. Ea 25 - 50 lbs. Pongees. 30 in. at \$14.50				725.-
	charges.				
	duty 750.50	freight 3.68.	25.	20.	63.35.
	per package for Plato at Boston - 1/2 Boston on each Pongee			8.38.	71.73.
					\$ 653.27.

The above will be appropriated to meet the note payable at the U.S. Branch Bank N.Y. Aug 26. 1835. for 500 \$ H.S. and will stand thus.

Edwards & Goodland Note due 1st of Boston Aug 10 th	912.50.
less Int. 26 May to 1st 10 th 107 dgs.	16.27 896.23.
Irish Down &c. Note due Oct 8.	725.-
less int. 26 May to Oct 8. 135 dgs.	16.31 708.69.
Less. charges & Int. viz.	1604.92.
charges on Pongees for Plato. as above	71.73.
Int. on abv. Feb. 1. to May 26 115 dgs.	1.25 72.98.
R. Goodland's draft for chgs on letters	99.92
Int. on abv. March 21. to May 26. 66 dgs.	9.10 108.02 174.13.
leaves net towards meeting note.	\$ 1430.79.

E. E. New York March 30. 1835.
Edw. Irving

Forwarded by
Messrs. Russell & Co.

Oct 20th 1835

Mr. William Irving.

Care of Messrs. Russell & Co.

for Samarang

Canton

China.

forwarded by His truly
W. S. S.



St. James Street 12th 1835
Per Irving

From Wm. S. S.
St. James St.

Received of
Messrs. Russell & Co.

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