

July 17th

I can much understand in 3 vol of Washington Irving have you got it?

I thank you my dear Anna for your charming letter, and your kind wish to be with me, during Horace's absence, like your dear Father he greatly undervalued my appreciation of your society - I suspect he argued more with his unwillingness to part with you, and I felt too sensibly the difficulty of your journeying at that period, to indulge the wish, which arose in my heart, that you could really exchange the bright happy home, for such a dull one, as you would have found here, our great panic has subsided, since

The rebel Lee and his
Army have been driven
out of Penn.^a I think your
Morgan, is almost as fearful
in his persevering raids
in Kentucky & Ohio. I hope
he too may be chased away
or better still be taken.

Is it not dreadful our
enemies have so many
ways of effecting their evil
purposes, The great riot that
raged two or three days
in New York was gotten up
by a wicked master spirit
and has cost some valu-
able lives, & great sacrifice
of principle & property &
beside ^{the} shame of such an
outrage!

I had a visit from Mrs

McLure last week, and
was grateful to hear the
praises of my patriotic
pieces from her, she appears
to be a brave woman, as
cheerful & loyal as could
be desired, her husband's
health is much improved
& I suppose they are enjoy-
ing the pleasant weather
at the sea shore. Where a
number of our citizens have
gone. indeed Phila^a is quite
deserted, as many seem
to be pleasure seeking
as if the country was flow-
ishing in peace & prosperity.
Notwithstanding the numerous
hospitals are full of sick
& wounded soldiers. and
every day's paper is full
of appeals for aid.

I was glad to hear your

cousins so well spoken of by
West-pointers, & hadley I hope
will gather - if not laurels
a good name among the brave.
he writes like a soldier, & we
hear is liked by his officers.
Alfred has gone into active
service, we shall hear of him
at Charleston. His Father must
feel rebuked. More particularly
if N. Carolina comes back
by choice into the Union.

Give a great deal of love to
your Parents for me, My Dear
Anna, and to dear Miriam
who I rejoice to hear is quite
well again. Your cousin Horace
desires much love to you all.
The new paper, gave me a fright
the other day by stating that Mr
Crittenden was captured by rebels
who entered his house and bore
him away - Happily only a rom-
ance. Tell me thank you again
My Dear Anna, for your letter,
always acceptable to your affectionate
uncle Rob.

Miss Anna Hardy

Lexington
Kentucky

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