

MVB to G[orham] A[kin] Worth, 25 October 1845

Lindenwald

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My dear Sir

I thank you kindly for your two letters. I have found them full of interest and regard them as the commencement of a new series designed to shew forth the diversified talents of their author. If any one should hereafter presume to advance the opinion that my old friend Mr Worth cannot write gravely on grave subjects I shall possess the evidence to refute so unfounded an opinion. As some proof of my gratitude I send two more letters of the old series which I have found upon looking over some old bundles for an other object, & one of which ^if^ I mistake not is the very letter you were so desirous of receiving. So you go for the character of a Prophet regardless of the admonition that a Prophet is never believed in his own Country. But if you call to mind how after you have foreboded evil to me when it did not <arrive> occur. Your vanity in respect to this one case will be somewhat less, & unless you admit that you foresaw also the means which were employed to bring about the result of 1840 it will have to undergo a still farther reduction.

I have not seen Ingersolls Book, but have no doubt from my intimate knowledge of his character that you have described it truly & justly.

The feeling of detestation of the Conduct of the anti-war Federalists is proof of the good principles & feelings in regard to public men & public measures you possessed at the period referred to, without however intending by this remark to pass upon those by which you are now influenced. It is true that some of those Gentlemen are ^profess^ now ^to be^ Democrats but what drops are they in the bucket in comparison with the masses who are ranged under the same political banner with a certain <illegible>, but <able> & I have no doubt, true hearted friend of mine. Let me

Have the goodness to buy Ingersols Book for me & also a set of the Waverly novels & send them to me one of the Stuyvesant vessels, if no better opportunity offers. Let the edition of the novels be as plain & cheap as you can get them provided always that the type is respectable. I cannot wear out my eyes with the small print of modern days, & having recently read Scotts life I have a desire to go over his novels again. I do not however ^now^ include his life of Napoleon as among his works of fiction. Please send the *<illegible> <illegible>*. You do both yourself & me injustice by allowing your proposed visit to be so *<easily>* prevented & I surely hope you will have more resolution in future. It is unnecessary to say that you may always count on a hearty welcome.

With my kind regards to Mrs. Worth.

Very truly

your friend

M. VanBuren

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