

White Hall

1-1-1963.

Laurel Day or Joe

90 W. High Street Bay to

order of R. Hunter thirty

25 B 63 51 A dollars.

L.M. Day.

R. Hunter
J. W. Milam

White Hall, 8-18-1902.

Sally Laura Annie - Pay
your annuities for 1901 to my
credit in the Fayette Nat. Bank
& give me its certificate of
same. Your aff. Father

Answer 3

C. H. Gray.

Laura.

White Hall.

Dear Laura - I have
never been able to answer
your friendly note of Jan. 1
1902. "Let us have peace!"
You must be alone & let no
one know. I will let you in
with buggy - so don't fear the
dog - when I see you open gate.
your aff. father
5-7-1902. O. M. L. C.

White Hall.

Dear Laura 1-26-1902.

In answer to your
letter of the 23rd Inst. to
Madison Dozier - Place the
\$360-annuity for 1901 to my
credit in the Fayettev^l Bank
through Cashier Bulluck
who does my banking on line
he will give you a receipt.

For this act of justice & affection
I release you from all past
dues of unpaid annuities - as
I hold your love of more worth
than money. Your affec^l

father
Cassius M. Blay.

Laura Blay.

Laura

Whitehall

12-4-1902

Dear Anna

Bring 10 boxes of

"Yuis" new-crackers
Come & see me

L. M. L. L.

Trust nobody.

L. L. L.

Miss Laura Clay.

White Hall.

3.23.1902.

Dear Laura

Place, as you
promised \$360—three hundred &
sixty dollars annuity for the
year 1901—in the Fayette National
Bank through Cashier Bullock—
& I will & thereby release you
from all annuities past.

Your affectionate

father

Walter M. Bray.

To Miss

Laura Bray

&c. &c.

SONG OF THE SEA.

A NAVAL BALLAD BY CASSIUS M. CLAY,
WHITEHALL, KY.

A wet sheet and a flowing sea,
A wind that follows fast
And fills the white and swelling sail,
And bends the gallant mast.
And bends the gallant mast, my boys,
Whilst like an eagle free,
Away the good ship flies and
Leaves Columbia on the lea.

Columbia needs no bulwarks,
No towers along the steep;
Her march is o'er the mountain wave,
Her home is on the deep.
Her home is on the deep, my boys,
And merry men are we;
The hollow oak our palace is,
Our heritage the sea.

September 5, 1900.

C. M. Clay.

2-1-1902.

Dear Laura pay Mrs
M.G. Dozier \$20 - in cash
out of the 300\$.

Wm. L. Lacey

Laura Clay

Whitehall
Feb. 26th 1901

Dear Laura,
I don't remember to
have seen ~~the~~ photograph of
yours, till I saw here one
you gave Mary. I want you
to make me a present of one,
by first rate artist, of Cabinet-
size, framed in plain wood
or metal with wire hangings,
for the wall in Whitehall

Jr. Father -
Embrey.

After.....days, return to



Miss Laura Clay
Mill Street
Lexington
Kentucky

7-25-1900

Dear Laura Clay

Sent by bearer Dr. J. W.

Holt the (\$362.50) Three
hundred & sixty two & one

half dollars checked to
you for me - & this is your
receipt. You aff. father

W. D. Day.

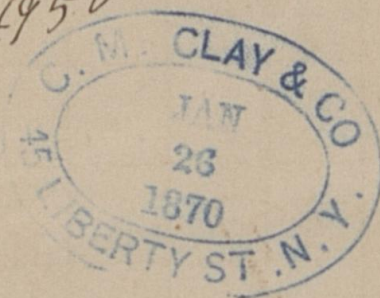
11-3-1900. White Hall.

Dear Laura - If
agreeable I will give an
order on you to James
Smith my neighbor for
balance on Mary B. Ch.
Pay Monday in gold.

Fredy M. Blay

N.B. I am waiting
answer to my note to you &
Beatus as trustees. Blay.

Box 4950



Dear Laura,

I send you a check
on Duncan Sherman & Co
(no. 15) for 125⁰⁰ in response
to your letter of the 24th inst.
Your Ma must put it to
your account. I'll send
papers in a few days

Love to all
your father
C. M. Clay & Co.

of such things, if nothing else.
I shall be sorry if all my views
are lost at last - as it was the
only thing I had especially
set my heart upon on my
return - but was and feel
dressed on morning we came to
look complacently on the
future. I must submit to

Fate with grace such as it
provides. I have no favorable news
of the young patient as yet. You need
not advise me of the suits of debt
- Green and the other children on
the one to quiet your ~~conscience~~
I know all about it.

Give my love to all and
Miss Anne: You don't tell me
much about her of late.

I have no acknowledgement from
Mr. C. on account of the receipt of my \$4,000
6% U.S. bonds. Ever yours
Orkeley.

St. Pet. Ma.

Feb. 14. 1861

Dear Mary Jane,

I am in receipt of
your letters of the 7th & 14th Jan. ulto.
and also one from Mary Jan. 8.
and one from Laura W. Co.

I am in receipt of your statement
of the "contingent fund" - and the
settlement of the St. Louis Estate, by
which it appears Brutus has received
and accounted for the last of the
same, during '60.

Tell your, Hertz has paid me
115 Ds: he has received himself in
my opinion. I suppose I shall get
nothing from the Hertz Co. Chandler
and I are no longer friends. I found
him rather too unscrupulous for
me to associate with him any
longer. So you need expect no em-
ployment from that direction.

I hope you will succeed in your air
bills, but I have not much faith in
any thing of the sort. Send and
get the money if the way. The winter
has been wet and horrible, and I am
still suffering with the cold caught
in going to Moscow. I have dined
with the Emperor and Empress, and
now go Sunday next to dine with
the naval officers at Castrax, at
their annual dinner, in a
quiet way. We have had a few
elegant parties - two at Baron
Strogitz's. Yesterday night I was
at Sally Buchanan's: and danced
for Roger de Coverly with her;
the party was large and brilliant.
I am at dances every day this
week and go to the ball at the
French Minister's Friday night.
That is the last week before the

lent: and all the world goes to
Lithograph Street - ballet in the
day time, and the opera at night!
I have seen the much talked of
opera of the "Africain" - and find
it magnificent. I was to have (today)
gone to a soiree at Count Orloff-
Danceoff's: but found it so cold
that I feared to venture out with
my son Louis.

I have never heard whether
you got Bente's may I sent him,
"long time ago!" I hope Mary has
got her lace & gloves before this.

Sara seems pleased at
New York - I am very to
see her at "Ice Cream Saloons":
they are all full of w -
& places of bad repute.
She must not go again.

There are the dangers of
absence from parental (as I fore
saw) authority. Scandal comes of

W. Pet: Mad.

Jan. 11. 1868.

Dear Samuel,

Your letter of the
16th Dec^r ulto. is received. I am
in receipt of your ma's letter informing
me of the payment to Peter Smith.
I wrote you ma that I would
give you a price this summer
whether I return so soon or not.
So you would do well perhaps
not to rent one. Your reflections
about royalty are very just.
America is the Country after all.
Happiness as I see does not depend
upon rank - and though you
would not be "low" born by
choice - yet I venture to say
there is many a labourer more
happy than kings. The longer
I stay in Europe and the more
I see of aristocracy the more
I am fixed in my Republican

Sentiments. If the overthrow
of slavery shall make your
accomplished in all the
household arts - it will have
done good service even to us.
I think it a great misfortune to
be dependent on others for any
thing: and a just self reliance
in all things is one of the first
elements of happiness.

I trust I shall well have
a pleasant trip, and enjoy
the baby, which however
ugly to others is always a
white crown to every true
mother.

I am not entirely clear
of rheumatism, but it is
so slight that I hardly
perceive it. Still the fear
that it may return and
become chronic is any

P.S. I suppose your accounts General Grant is to be
our next President - I don't know how.

time is a very disagreeable thought.
I trust your Ma is better in
health and spirits: and I
trust before the year is past
to be able to take the care
of the farm off of her hands.
Give my love to all & add
my usual kiss to Annie who
seems not to be a prociety in
writing. Can't you give her
some of your spare time?

Tomorrow night I have
an invitation to a ball at the
nobility club, and also at
Prince Basil Bulgorontsky's
when the elite of the city will
be. I had rather be catching
snow-birds however, with
a trap and string at White
Hall, as in days of old.

Your aff. father,
O. W. Day.

manuscript form - when I will send you
a copy. It was the first political
affair ever allowed in Mexico: and
was permitted by the special favor of
the Emperor who honors my administration
for himself and friendship for his
dynasty. The proceedings will go
all over Europe: and will create
quite a sensation here, and in
America I doubt not.

I hear from home quite
often - but trust you will find
time to write to me at times also.

Give my respects to all your
friends - and let me know how
you get on with your new friends.
If you make any such acquaintances

Remember me especially to Mrs.

Estelle: and believe me ever

Yours aff: father

Quincy.

St. Petersburg: No.

Jan. 28. 1866.

Dear James,

Your letter and the
others in cloud were duly received.

I had already written to you
sending you some letters of
introduction, which I trust you have
received. Mrs. Martha Estel now
(Estelle?) was born in Worcester Co. Mass.
and a daughter of an old friend of
mine A. Woods. I am glad you have
made this acquaintance. Mr. Jas.
Estel her husband was the cousin of
Cliff Estel of our County. I am
glad you are making progress in
French and music. I desire you
not to have a "maturing" in but to
be thorough in both as a life-time
study.

You must continually review your French grammar and make yourself familiar with the conjugation of the irregular verbs and other things of an elementary character. If this is not done in the lapses you must do so by yourself as without that all your speaking will be superficial: a word which I have always.

Join your music I trust you will come to and master it. I was not in favor of your going to a boarding school and I shall be greatly disappointed if you do not succeed at least in what you designed to attain there.

I continue the study of my French but I am too late in life to master it: precisely however I find it of great use though not perfectly understood in speaking and writing.

I have just returned from Moscow where I and Mr. Jeremiah Curtiss my secretary of legation had a great

ovation. We had a grand ball at the Governor General Prince Dolgorouky my friend's palace: where about 600 of the elite of Moscow were present. There was a great profusion of flowers and ornaments and all that. We had balls and dancing - and a set supper at which all were seated. Moscow is renowned for its beauty and hospitality. We had other dinners soirees and suppers and also a public banquet given especially to us: at which the Mayor of the city Count Scherbatoff presided. We had on this national air, Hail Columbia the Star-spangled-banner and Yankee Doodle played by the Russian band: and speeches and toasts after the American fashion. Mr. Curtiss addressed them in Russian much to their delight. The speeches will be put into

St. Petersburg, Russia,
March 4. 1846.

Dear Laura,

I have but a
moment to send you a
bracelet by young Mr.
Paul Anapoff - a Russian
gentleman who goes in
aid of the Telegraph line
in the route over Siberia to
St. Francisco.

Believe me the recipient
of this. Your aff.
father.

Chas. May.

Miss Louisa Clay,

Care of Mrs. Ogden

Hoffman 14 West

38th Street -

New York City.

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I feel very sad often in not hearing
often from home - I wish the
children would write often, as
well as yourself. Let ^{them} keep a letter
book, for such times as they can
put to the writing - and then it will
not seem so hard a task to write.
I believe Brute has not written to
me since he was at St. An. School.
The life of Caesar by Napoleon
is making a great noise now
in Europe. I have a volume lying
on my table in French, but have
not yet commenced reading it.
His course towards us in Mexico, and
Europe has put me much against
him - so that I don't know yet
what I shall read it. The Daguers
are now playing courts to us again.
This gives me more contempt for them
than ever. Hoping to hear from
you soon - with much love and
give my love to all the children.
Ever yours, O. D. Day.

St. Petersburg, Pa.
My dear wife, March 30. 1845
I have received no letter
from you since my last one half sheet.
Nor have I heard from Green since I wrote
you. Novotzoff is a great gambler
and spend things, and wastes all the
money of his business for the
old business on his own follies. So I
expect to see the whole thing breaking
upon fall: unless Chaudol again
agrees to go into it - if so, he may gain
Green a good offer for a few times
more. But I am rather in favor
of his going home in the fall, or
at himself, when last heard from.
Callan and Seely were to have signed
the telegraph contract with the
Minister Dolstoy at Berlin last
week - but I have not heard
from them since they left: I feel
great interest in their success. Rogers
and Whistler are here now, and likely
to enter into a new contract with
the Proprietors about rail-ways. I hope
so, as they are good company to
me. Chaudol is in quite different

health, and rather of leaving here
in a year or two - but habit is so
strong that he may live and die
here. His family are yet in London
; he wants to pay them a visit in a
few days. Broadwell is here, and
has suspected his truck-loading
Cannon, so that the Proprietors will
I think adopt it into their service.
If so, his fortune is made. I shall
buy his patent right for America;
as I think it a success, another
offers unilateral terms, I think
of offering Green a partnership
in the Cannon-right: for if a
success at all, it will be a great
thing - or nothing. So between the
art and Cannon, we are making
quite an adventurous business
life. It looks as if the war
was about to close: and the
gold is going down rapidly
- I hope you will keep that in
mind in all your trades - that

very low prices must rule when
the war closes. I have not been
able to find Mr. C. Johnson the
state spoken of but continue the
pursuit of it: I'll get it if possible,
as I would be pleased to gratify
you in any thing I could do. The
Court and city is as dull as
popple - the roads breaking up into
"glacis" - and all travelling about
terrible. There are many concerts
and a few private small ones
- but every body seems bent on
being as miserable as possible!
My health is good - but it takes
great pains to keep alive here
- when every body makes a daily
fight with the elements for health.
Just lately Jackson Haines has
let all the fashionable world to
smoking - and some daring people
have the more theories sports the
Grand Theatre; and are attracting
all the city by their smart spots
- so it is not so bad as it looks!

was getting better. A Russian
gentleman - whom I asked him
about his health, told ^{me} the worst
but crossed himself! Which I need
I fear - "God forgive me for this
lying" in a good cause: or for a
charitable purpose. I have been
near a week in the house, not well
- but am now as well as usual; &
going about. This is a terrible
Climate to live in. Sibley is expecting
to start every day: who will take
Sally's pair to the U.S. They
are larger than her order: and cost
100 lbs. but very beautiful - of first
quality. I hope you have the last
£300 pounds = \$300 ⁶⁴/₁₀₀, I sent you:
and after paying for the theatrical land,
you will pay over the remainder - if
you have no immediate need of it -
to Bantus. My love to all: Miss
dear Anne: and believe me
ever yours D. Colley.

St. Petersburg
Decr 15. 1864.

My dear wife,

I enclosed you Green's letter
in my last: and in answer to your
enquiry in your letter of the 20th ulto.
You must take the 75% gold, out
of my estate, and not out of 1000 lbs.
- proceeds, belonging to Green: as I used
the 75% to pay me for Mrs. Hull's love,
here, myself. So you must give Green
credit for the whole of the \$307 ⁴⁴/₁₀₀.
Knowing that I am improvident, is the
reason why I do urge you to look
out for yourself and the children:
so that you may be prepared for
"hard times!" So that I don't think
it wise to send Sally on a pleasure
trip to Glazy &c. when you have
not a bed hardly to give her, when
she is married! I do deny myself
a great many things here: but you must
remember that the government gives
me a certain salary to maintain
a certain degree of respectability
here: which I cannot forego, by

turning every thing to private account,
I don't want all industry from our
country spend salary, and private
fortune both. So that I don't credit for
serving any thing for our home use,
I don't desire you to work yourself
down - but all the contrary. I desire
that the children shall not spend
what belongs to another - by debts.
It was well for you to give something
to the cause of the election - but I
was sorry to hear of your \$500 subscrip-
tion; as it was money thrown away;
if intended to aid my personal advance-
ment. I spoke to Mary - more to
give her some pleasant employment,
rather than for any prospect of my
election; or that I could much about
it. This office is much more profitable
: the only reason why I would do this
the other, would be that I could
be with my family.

But writes about the "shambling"
grant of oil privileges to you.
That man has made more sacrifices
for me than any one living - except
perhaps a few near relatives. He is very

poor, & if you can aid him, it would be
agreeable to me, in developing his oil field
(any!) for himself; but I should never
forgive you or Green, if you were to
use it for yourselves or me! My
advice is to sell at least half of
your lease, at any fair rate you
can get. Let others make all the
outlay in experiments - and never
spend one dollar yourself. Once
more, to be candid with you, I
expect that "oil" business to ruin
the whole family! For when one
takes to gambling; who can say
how long it will last? I
shall have no more happiness, or
content, till the whole matter is
decided and got rid of! It is no
use to notice the Calumnies of the
"Copperhead" press about our good friend
the Emperor; as all the world knows
them to be a lie; and they will never
see it here. It is said to be improving
at Erie - but I doubt it. The
proper would of course, say the



Mr. C. W. Clay.

Fox Town.

Madison.
Ky.

to the individual development.

I send you my photograph,
which is said to be one of the
best yet made of me.

My health is good: and
I am getting along well
in my official intercourse
with the court and
people.

Please write on the
reception of this: and
believe me your

aff: father,
O. M. L. C.

P. S. I send you the Emperor
& Empress for Mrs. Field:
and the 8-Duke Paul for yourself: you must
keep it for me. C.

St. Petersburg: Rus.

Decr 20. 1865.

My dear Anna,

I see almost all
your letters written home, though
you have neglected to write to
me as yet since you were in
New-York. Mary suggested
that it would be well for you
to see something of society in
New-York for the improvement
of your manners and recreation
from your studies. I send you
a letter to Mrs. Daniel Dudley
Field: which you will show

to Mrs. Hoffman: and if she
approves of your making any
such visits, you will ask her
to have the letter delivered to
Mrs. Field, who will call
on you (if the funds be
agreeable) or probably send
her daughter-in-law young
Mrs. Field to see you. If
the weather calls or sends for you,
of course you will not go.

I did not like the idea
of your going to a boarding
- school; but I hear Mrs.

be well spoken of: and I trust

in your direction.

I am pleased you are
speaking French habitually.

I believe you shall get
the Spectator by Addison
& others, and read it in your
leisure hours. Drops' tables are
also full of wisdom for old or young.

I trust you will never neglect
your health - nor your teeth: for
them use only the brush and water.

You know my ideas of education
- to learn all things thoroughly -
to cultivate all the natural powers
equally - the physical, the intellectual,
and the moral - reaching a balance

Dear Howard & Sallie
it is most agreeable for
me to see you today

O. M. Bloy

June 15th, 1903

C. M. Clay's Wife and Mother.

The following anonymous Poem
was sent Mr. Clay from Ashland
County, Ohio.

"All but my wife and mother advised
me to yield."

Appeal of C. M. Clay.

Worthy to be a hero's brides -
Thou who in peril's hour,
Stood calm by the sufferer's side,
With heart that could not cover,
True-hearted woman - thou hast won
A bright, immortal wreath -
Thou who couldst nerve thy loved one on
To Victory - or Death!

When fierce Oppression's wildest storm
 Was pelting on his head -
 When Slavery raised her murderous arm
 Above that fevered bed -
 When foes were rushing like a flood,
 And friends were quailing there,
 'Twas helpless Woman's heart that stood
 Alone, unbowed by fear.

Yes, Manhood's soul of iron could fail
 Before that raging power,
 And friendship's flashing zeal could quail
 In that decisive hour,
 Two voices bade him never shrink
 Beneath the deadly strife,
 They who to him were closest linked -
 That mother and that wife.

The fragile form whose all of hope
 Upon his life was hung -
 That mother who had cherished up
 That head since life was young;

3
The gentle hearted wife, whose hand
To his had trusting clung—
These bade ~~the~~ victim proudly stand,
Where perils swept along!

By trusting woman's fearless wife!
Thine was the noblest part—
Thine was the bitterest, wildest strife
Of loving woman's heart.
To watch by that lone couch of pain,
In Love's strong agony—
To curb that wildly throbbing brain,
Still—still—unceasingly!

And then! to seat thee calmly there
By that faint victim's side,
And trace, with thine own fearless pen,
His words of dauntless pride;

4
Rather with him to bravely sink,
Than bend to Slavery's power!
Oh Love! thou only canst not sink
In Danger's darkest hour!

We crown the names of Spartans dames
With an immortal life,
And here's who sunk 'mid Africa's flames
Asdubal's peerless wife.
Bring forth for her a noble wreath,
Not for deathless Fame,
Looked calmly in the face of Death
For Freedom's sacred name!

Worthy to be a hero's wife,
Thou heroine tried and true!
Worthy to give that hero's life,
Thou patriot mother, too!
For you we pluck no laurel tree
We twine no fading bay:
Columbia's crown is yours - to be
The mother-wife of Clay!

The clothes
are worthless

Give me the
coal to
you don't
think it

50. Clay

Monday evening.

Dear Pa,

Please send
the pan that I forgot
to bring.

Mr. Planton tells me
he now has the Ken-
tucky River coal, which
is thought to be better
than Red Ash Jellico
coal. Shall I get it
for you? It is the same
price.

Very truly,

Sandra Clay.

Come soon Pills.
L