

Washington 14th Nov. 1823.

My dear Son

I have received your letter of the 9th instant, and I am truly sorry that you give so unfavorable an account of the prospects of Richard. It will distress his parents extremely. I shall send your letter to his father, who must decide what is to be done.

Genl Jackson, without doubt, will be elected. He will obtain the votes of Kentucky and Ohio, and perhaps of Indiana also. I consider the question as decided.

We shall return to Ashland in the Spring. And now, my dear Son, you are one of my greatest comforts. Indeed there is no object in life about which I have so much solicitude as your success in your studies, which I believe to be so intimately connected with your welfare and future usefulness. I exhort you therefore, by your love for me, and by your own good, to persevere, and do as you have done. My health is now pretty good. That of your mother and the children is also good.

Your affl^d father
H. Clay

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