

My dear Son

Washington 17th Jan. 1832

I was this moment very much delighted by being told by Judge Johnston that he has received a letter from Judge Porter in which he writes that you are pursuing your studies with the same ardor and perseverance as young men generally pursue pleasure. Such my dear son is the course which will make your Country and me proud of you, and what is not less important, ~~make~~ give you occasion to be proud of yourself.

I made a speech the other day of which I sent you a Copy. Quite as much has been said in its praise as it merits. I shall have to make another in a few days on which I am now exhausting all the intellectual labor which I can command. If I should be able to fulfill my hopes I will send a Copy of it to Judge Porter and to you.

Your mother and I are both suffering under a very bad cold. The weather has become very fine, tho we can hardly expect it to continue.

We hear frequently from Richland and our friends at Lexington. Things go on very well there generally.

I hope Mr. Erwin supplies you with money, or will do it as you may want it.

Give my respects to Judge Porter and our love to Anne & family.

Your affectionate father

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