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My dear Son

I have been so engaged with the Senate, the Court, the Committee, and above all with the Tariff, my Speech upon it, and its subsequent preparation for the Press, that I have been forced to neglect my correspondence, and among others yourself. I have this morning sent the last sheets of the Speech to the Press, and it will be out in a few days. I will send you a copy, when you will be able to judge if it has not been extravagantly praised.

I received your letter communicating your wish to visit Europe this Spring, and I am gratified with your respectful reference of the propriety of your voyage to me. I do not wish to decide it, but, in that spirit of candor and affection towards you which has ever governed me, I will state my views. You have now sensibly and profitably commenced the study of the law. If you were to go at this time it would occasion a suspension of your studies during the whole time of your absence. Had you not therefore better postpone your voyage until you have completed your course of study and undertake it between the termination of your labors as a student, and the commencement of the practice of your profession? I submit this view of the matter to your consideration, and would advise you to consult with Mr. Erwin and my friend