

S. Chamber 11<sup>th</sup> May 1832.

My dear Son

I recd your favor of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. If you can engage Mr. Shackelford to shuco the House at Ashland at a price not exceeding your estimate of \$350 (excluding materials) I am willing and authorize you to have it done, if you please. Or if you prefer it, I consent that it may be painted either a pearl color or a white tinged with a straw hue, as you may think best. There is one consideration in favor of not going to any great expence at present, and that arises out of the pending contest. Should that be decided in my favor (of which there exists a better prospect now than at any preceding period) I may not want the house for some time and it will be unoccupied, unless there should be a change in your condition that might lead you to wish to occupy it.

Will you be good enough to tell Mr. Grant that any money he may deposit with the Bank of the U.S. at keeping on to my credit shall be deemed a payment of so much on account of his note to me. I forget what it is I owe Mr. Shackelford, and will thank you to ask him if he holds my note and for what amount. Any thing that I owe him I could lend from this place. I have written to Mr. Prater about my wool. I have mailed to you a Copy of my Land report. My health is not very good and I am most anxious to be with you. But when I shall have that satisfaction is very uncertain.

Yrs affectionately

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