

W. Sulphur Springs 5th Aug. 1832

My dear son

Upon our arrival here on Thursday last, I found your letter of the 21st. Well, what I was glad to receive, as I had not heard directly from you since you left Washington. As you do not say that your affair is off, I presume it is only postponed until after the dog days.

The news that constantly reaches me here from N. York and Penn^a through the public prints and through private letters is most cheering and satisfactory. Should the issue of the R. election not be adverse, I do believe the subsequent defeat of Jackson to be certain.

Tell Mr. Erwin that we sent off his carriage the day before yesterday, under the care of a trusty Coachman, to proceed by Guyandotte and Marzville to Lexington. I gave orders to admit no person in the Carriage, and to move on leisurely.

We shall remain here about a fortnight. If you write, as I hope you will, direct your letters via Guyandotte, as I have reason to believe the steeped P. Masters would otherwise send them by Washington. Mention this also to Mr. Erwin and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Caldwell has a young Pointer Dog for you, now a little lame. If he gets well, I will try and take him along with us.

Your affle father

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P.S. I wish you would employ the Coachman, when he arrives, in cleaning up the walks and grounds around the house