

Ashland 7th June 1833.

My dear son

I recd your favor of the 2^d inst. and was highly gratified both with the account it contained of your increasing prosperity, and the cheerful tone which pervaded your letter.

You are at liberty to use my name in endeavoring to effect the loan at Philad^a or N. York, and for that purpose I transmit enclosed a power of Att. I also enclose a letter of introduction to Mr. Biddle. There is difficulty in obtaining a loan upon a security so distant, and it requires address to accomplish it. You may do well to consult with your uncle Brown and Mr. Biddle.

We have been greatly afflicted in Lexington with the Cholera. It unequivocally demonstrated itself on the evening of the 3rd, and by that of the sixth upwards of fifty had died. Among them, I believe you know no one but Geo. Boswell and Andw. F. Price. The panic in the town was great and many have fled from the pestilence. No part of the white family at Ashland or at the Woodlands has been yet attacked. Among the blacks at both places there were two or three suspicious cases, but none have died.

I hear from your place that every thing goes on well. Billy has got a hand to assist him, and I have engaged another to come the tenth, and whom I shall send these of necessity.

Present my best regards to your Uncle Brown and tell him that it is a long time since I heard from him.

Your affl^d father
H. Clay

Mr. H. Clay Junr.

P.S. Mr. Thomas Smith lost his Cook by the Cholera. Mr. Debb lost three slaves. Old Mrs. Scott, the widow of Genl. Scott, is dead or expected to die.

H.C.