

Ashland 23^d July 1833.

My dear son

On my return from a visit to your place today, I received in town your agreeable letter of the 21st inst. containing intelligence which we were ~~most~~ anxiously expecting. We most cordially felicitate you and our dear Julia on her safe delivery, and, not on that happy event merely, but that your first born should be a son. And then, if we are to credit your account of him, so "noble a boy". We sincerely pray that they may both continue to do well, which we do not doubt they will, considering that they are in such good hands, and that the season of the year is so favorable to parturition. Tell Julia to make haste and get able to bring her prize here that we, as well as her housewife friends, may have the satisfaction of seeing and caressing it. In regard to its name, I shall certainly feel flattered if mine is given to it, although I presume I should have to share the compliment with another. I should be most happy if the future fame of the new born should transcend any which his grandfather may have acquired.

I found all things looking well at your place. Hilly was out in quest of turnip seed. Some of the walks were strewed with fruit. I have not yet been able to have the residue of your hay stacked up, owing to the pressure of my own harvest, a great part of which ~~is~~ lies in the fields. I hope towards the end of this week that we shall be able to have yours, which has not suffered, permanently secured.

The health of all of us here and at the Woodlands continues good; and that of the town generally is excellent. In some neighbourhoods in the County, the bloody flux has succeeded the Cholera, and has proved fatal.

Give the love of your mother and myself to Julia, and keep the little stranger for us.

Your affec^t father

H. Clay

Mr. H. Clay Son.