

Philad<sup>a</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 33.

My dear son

We have got so far back on our return from the East. The journey has at the same time been the most flattering and exciting I have ever performed, as you may judge from the papers. They have loaded me with presents and with all sorts of testimony of esteem. I have thought sometimes that I should be prostrated. But we are all living and tolerably well.

I congratulate most cordially on account of your late public discourse, of which I have recd. the most flattering and agreeable information, accompanied by the expression of anxious desire that you should embark in professional life.

Our best love to Julia.

Your aff<sup>r</sup> father

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