

March 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1835.

My dear son

I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from James, and since one from you in-  
forming me of the birth of a daughter from Julia. I congratulate you on  
the event. It is a great addition to your previous ample means of happiness  
and I sincerely pray that Julia and you both may justly appreciate it.

I wrote to my friend Mr. Astor to know if I should want  
\$15 or 20 thousand dollars in the Spring if he could supply me at  
six per cent int. upon the most prompt security. He informs me by  
letter, this day rec<sup>d</sup>, that he can furnish it to me upon 4 or 5 days  
notice. Should we desire it therefore in the Spring I will obtain it.

I have a strong impression that from the operation of the  
local banks established, and establishing, real estate will rise.  
If Mr. Hunt has not sold the Hogan farm, and you feel disposed  
I will unite with you in the purchase of it at the price he proposed  
last fall.

I am truly Dear of Congress.

Give my love to Julia and help my dear grand children

Your affl<sup>d</sup> father

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