

My dear Son

Washn 22 Feb. 1837.

I have at length recd. the enclosed letter from Mr. Beasley. The paper I hope have by this time reached N. Orleans or near it. The Quom will be an acquisition, if he does not too soon get spoiled.

As I am now in your debt, on account of this purchase, you may retain the \$500, as part of it, which I advanced you before I left home; and on my arrival there I will pay the residue.

I think we shall not be detained more than one or two days by the call of the Senate, and I shall hasten home afterwards with as little delay as practicable.

The belief here is that Mr. V. Buren will retain in place all the present Secretaries; and it is rumored that the Department of War has been offered to Mr. Poinsett of So. Carolina. But I feel very little interest in these matters.

I joined the cause of the Commonwealth's Beak. Give my love to Julia, and tell her that I pray for her happy Accouchement.

Your aff. father

H. Clay

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