

My Dear Son

Wheating 2^d Nov. 1838.

I reached this place this evening in safety. I have felt uneasy about the Election of a Senator from Fayette. I would wish that some person could be selected as the Whig Candidate against whom so many personal objections and private enemies could not be brought to bear as Mr. Wickliffe. But if he be the Candidate, I hope that all our friends will vote for him. His defeat & the election of a Loco-foco would be a great triumph to our opponents. They would blazon it forth as such on two accounts. 1st That it is in the County of my residence; and 2^{dly} that Mr. Wickliffe is a delegate from the State to the Nat. Convention, which is to nominate Candidates for P. & V. President.

I should think that those who do not like Mr. Wickliffe, may nevertheless vote for him on the ground of public considerations, waiving their private feelings.

My love to Julia.

Mr. H. Clay Junr.

Your aff^{le} father
H. Clay