

Ashland 13th June 1833

I received, my dear daughter, Henry's letter with your P.S. and the Strawberry seed for your mother, which she immediately sowed.

Your departure from Lexington was at a happy time. The Cholera has since visited it, and its ravages there have been frightful. I will not dwell on the painful particulars but the prevalence has no where in the U. States, been more mortal than in our afflicted City, except N. Orleans.

At the Woodlands and at Ashland we have been hitherto happily exempted from any losses. We have had, principally among our blacks, some suspicious cases, but they were relieved and we are not sure that any one of them was Cholera. The day before yesterday was very bad in town, and Anne got alarmed, and the whole family at the Woodlands came over and joined us, together with Mr. & Mrs. Smith. I have endeavored to rally them, and they passed a very good night and have all risen this morning quite cheerful. The intelligence from the City last evening and this morning is that the disease has considerably abated.

I have not heard from Henry since he left Louisville. I wish you would inform me as soon as you get a letter from him. I heard from your place last week that all was doing well there. Betty had got a hand to assist him. I took the liberty to give Mr. Fannell's family permission to occupy the house a few days until the Cholera had quieted Lexington.

Your mother and all the family unite in affectionate regards to you; and I request you will communicate our respects to your mother & family.

Yours affectionate father
Mr. Luke Clay.

Yours affectionate father
H. Clay