

Washington 9<sup>th</sup> May 1836

My dear daughter

We (John and myself) attended the Rail Road depot on several successive arrivals of the Cars, and at length was gratified the evening before of Friday to find Henry in them; and I was rejoiced to find him in good health and spirits; but we were greatly disappointed in not meeting you also. I have been much grieved to learn from Henry that you met with a misfortune at Sea; but I sincerely hope that his assurance of your entire recovery from it are well founded. I am most anxious to see you, my dear daughter, and your little Son. Henry tells me that you remained in N-York only to recover from the fatigue of the Voyage, and he talks of leaving here tomorrow to bring you and my little namesake to us. I had promised John to let him accompany his brother, and gratify his fervent desire to see you; but, poor fellow, he is taken ill, altho' not in any apparent danger, and I fear will be unable to leave me. We are both most eager to see you, and hope you will come to us as fast as you can consistently with your health and comfort.

I will thank you to make my respects to Mr. Hagarty, and say to him that I am greatly obliged by his kind invitation to visit N-York, which I should be happy to do, but my public duties will not allow me to leave the Senate. Keep dear little Henry for

Your affec<sup>t</sup> father

H. Clay

Mrs. Lucia Clay.