

Louisville April 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear Son

I arrived safely at home on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst in the Peytona. I was much rejoiced to find Harriet and Tommy looking even better than when I left home. If I had you with me I should feel perfectly happy. I hope however that you are doing well where you are. You know my dear child that my happiness is all centred in my children and I feel assured that you will never forget the love which unites me so tenderly to you and the others. I received a letter from Mr Lynch giving me a report of your conduct and recitations. Although it is not quite as favorable as I could have wished yet it indicates that you have the capacity and I hope you will have the desire to improve.

I shall endeavor to visit you this week if possible. I have some business here of a pressing nature which will detain me a few days but as soon after as I can I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

Mr & Mrs Smith break up house-keeping tomorrow and are going to board at Mr Worshup. The children will go with them. My own arrangements are not yet made.

Tell John that I fear from Mr Smiths account that Pat