

Ashland May 19th 1851

My dear Henry

Your first year at the Academy is now nearly expired, and I feel very anxious to know how you will stand upon its close. I have not had any letter from you since my return home. You are a very negligent correspondent. I received your last month's report, and I was glad to perceive from it, that the number of marks against you was a good deal reduced from what they had been in previous months. If you should, not have them greatly increased this month, I hope you will escape the number which would lead to your dismissal. That event would fill us all with the deepest mortification and regret, and I sincerely hope that you will spare us such an infliction. I should be very glad to get a letter from you. We are all well here except myself, and at Louisville your sister is well, but little Tommy is slightly indisposed. I forget whether this is the year in which by the regulations of the Academy you are permitted to return home to visit your friends. If it is let me know.

I am affectionately

Your Grandfather

H. Clay

Cadet Henry Clay.