

My Dear Thomas

Wash. 13th Jan. 1838.

I received your letter of the 3rd inst. With respect to the purchase of Mules instead of Cattle, I have no objection to your doing it, if they can be obtained at a fair price. It would be unfortunate to buy them feet out your provender and then not get paid for it. If you purchase, I wish you to get good advice and have the mules examined by a good judge. As you cannot pay down the Cash, I will be your security for it. The Hogs you speak of you can buy and pay for.

I send you a check for \$500 which you will not present until you ascertain from Mr. Pundell that the note given for your Cow and Calf is paid. That sum, with what I advanced you before I left home will amount to the price of the Cow.

I shall write to Downing in a few days about the Season of my Cows.

We have nothing news here. The Sub-treasury project is again reported to the Senate, in a more odious form than ever.

Give my love to Mary.

Your's affectly

H. Clay

Mr. Thomas H. Clay.

I sent Russell a check for Lewis.