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Bellevue Hospital N.Y. August 25th

Hon James B. Clay,

Sir,

I wrote your honored father at Saratoga Springs, the 4th inst, also the 7th, among other things to inform me if you would sail from this port and at what time, on your Mission to Portugal. Not hearing from him and learning that you had arrived at the Astor House, I take the liberty of addressing you to inform me when you intend leaving here.

I resided in the City of Washington from Feb-1817 to July 1832, - was intimately acquainted with your highly esteemed Father, I named my oldest Son after him, who was born about the time, his Resolution passed Congress for acknowledging the Independence of the South American Republics. I also published a large Portrait of him, representing him as presenting his Resolution to Congress, and have ever been one his warmest admirers and most devoted friends. I was confined in this Hospital more than fifteen months with a dreadfully broken knee and the Erysipelas in it, and was discharged at my own request on the 12th of April last, so as to attend the Grand Festival at the Appollo, in honor of the Birth day of Henry Clay! It was a most heart cheering Anniversary festival I assure you. These