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My dear Son, I have been glad to receive  
your letter dated at Nashville the 3<sup>d</sup> inst.  
the first information I had rec<sup>d</sup>  
from you since you left I directed  
I write it would like to say as much as I  
could for you at New Orleans, and  
which I hope you will get, if you  
have not already.

All were well at home, when  
I last heard from them, and Joshua  
and the Colts were doing remarkably  
well. They have sent Edger to join  
you. He left Louisville the first  
of this month.

I am afraid that Dr. Measer,  
who is going to the Havannah, will  
be absent from N.C. when you may  
have occasion, if you should have  
occasion