

My dear Sir

I rec^d. your note, inviting me to attend the examination of your school tomorrow. I was anxious to be present on that occasion, having witnessed, with much pleasure, the lady-like bearing of the young ladies under your charge, and the good conduct which distinguished them. But, in my present feeble state of ~~my~~ health, I cannot leave home. Yesterday, in answer to an enquiry from Memphis, I took pleasure in strongly recommending your excellent institution.

With high respect
The Rev. Mr. Bullock.

H. Clay

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