

Ohio River

18th March 1857

Col. J. Hays,

Dear Sir, This will introduce to you further acquaintance Mr. Eugene Erwin, for whom I ask, as an old friend and companion in arms, your special attention. Mr. Erwin is the grand son of Henry Clay, and will no doubt be enthusiastically recommended to the citizens of the land to which he goes a stranger but I wish that you and he should be particularly known to each other.

You will find in times of calm & sunshine a desirable friend, and if the storm should burst upon you "he will do to tie to." Any services you may render him will fall on the kind of man you know how to appreciate & be acknowledged as a personal favor by your friend.

Jeff. Davis