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My Dear Colonel

I send you a Power of Attorney on the first page, to collect all the pay that may yet be due from the government to me - Whilst in Washington I was persuaded by a young man by the name of Thorp to give him two statements in respect to what I had received and to give in those statements the power to draw what might be due me - I did so, and thinking at that time that it would be little or nothing I told him that he might have it - He is a clerk in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Auditor's department - I wish you would be so kind as to call and ask him for those statements and burn them - Explaining to him that it is more than likely that I will obtain quite a large amount, which I can't well afford to lose - I wish you to do so, as I have a very high opinion of this person - Let no one know that he has had any thing to do with it as it may cost him, his place - You will find both him and Colonel Jefferson Robinson two friends of mine very agreeable companions - Give my very best respects to them - My Dear Colonel, I showed my the argument of my journal to Gen. Clay and after perusing it he has persuaded me to try and make a book of it - He has kindly offered to assist me - If I succeed in making it readable I shall have it published - Write to me as soon as you receive this - If to Lexington Care of J. B. Clay - By the by - I went over to Harrodsburg springs the other evening to a fancy ball, where I met with Mrs. Greenmount, who appeared