

Washn. 25th Apr 1840

My Dear Wife

Henry arrived here the evening before the last, in pretty good health, but still in very bad spirits. He goes to Philad^a for two or three days, and on his return he purposes to lodge a week or ten days with me.

I am going today to Judge Brooks, where I intend remaining two or three days. I feel great debility and I am in hopes that the excursion may do me good.

The news from Va this morning is very favorable to the Whig cause. Five or six members of the legislature are already understood to be gained, and amongst them one in my old native County.

Tell John that I received his last letter, and was very glad to hear from him. He gives me such a glowing account of his land that I long to be there. I still hope to leave here in all the month of May.

My love to all at home.

Wm. L. Clay