

TO MR JOHN M CLAY

Naval Asylum near Philadelphia.  
February 22nd, 1846

Dear Sir,

In the absence of your father- Mr Clay - I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of my horse, Yorkshire, which I have directed a week since, to be sent without delay to Ashland as a present to Mr Clay.

The horse is now in charge of my nephew, Charles W Fleming near Flemingsburg, Fleming County, in your State, who has directions to send him to Ashland.

York- is of the best racing blood and his fine, bone and muscle, fit him admirably as a stock horse. He was imported by R D Shepherd Esq<sup>re</sup>, with whom your father is well acquainted, and his pedigree is in the hands of my brother Daniel, who lives within three miles of Charles Fleming.

From Charles' letters it is very plain that he does not know what to do with so fine an animal and I loose no time in fulfilling a determination, made long since, of sending him to your father. If the horse has not been sent to Ashland, perhaps it may not be inconvenient to send for him, lest he may fall into improper hands.

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by presenting me in the most respectful terms to your mother  
(Mrs Clay) and believe me- very truly

Your obedient Servant  
Chas. W Morgan  
Navy

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I should have addressed this letter to your father, but the season is fast advancing and he is at too great a distance from home to give the necessary instructions in reference to the horse.

(Strike the name of Chateau - Margo from the pedigree of Yorkshire - improperly inserted.)  
C W Morgan

If Midshipman Durald is in your part of the world, pray present my regards to him and request that he will inform me of his present position and what he is doing? -

(P S) I learn with infinite pleasure that your father's health has been preserved to him with, if possible, additional vigor. Remember me, also to Genl Combs, should you meet with him - I admire the Genl much and have known him for a long time.  
C W Morgan