

You and he. Keep up a very regular Correspondence - I hope it may always continue - he says he is studying hard. and will get through in the Spring. Then to Lewisburg - If this finds you in Washington present most kindly to your Grand Father, and Col. and Mrs Bell - I must say farewell

Your devoted Mother
In A.C.

Your Father has just received a letter from Thomas Smith, dictated by Mrs Clay. She says Edward is acting sadly. and she can not control him. I fear he will give his family much trouble

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Washington Feb. 23

My dear Eugene.

I have seen for the last week looking most anxiously for a letter from you. and to day had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 30th of Jan. I find you still in Washington, and I am sure, doing well. - exempt from all the vicissitudes that belong generally to young men. - and a good prospect of getting in to Lewisburg. Who would not be proud of such a son? I not only love you devotedly, but God knows I am proud of you. and remember if you do not turn out well. it will break my heart. Could I fear of your drinking, or acting dishonourably in any way. would cause a deep sorrow. that nothing could wash out, but this I do not fear. My heart is set on your going in to Lewisburg in St Louis. It is near home, the habits and customs of the people. the same, as you have been accustomed to, and if you find the situation