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My Dear Son

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst is just recd - to which I give you an immediate reply - I fear my Dear Son that I most unintentionally wounded your feelings or gave you some pain - By my reference to "Dr Onsey" - It was playful on my part not intended to be serious - I have too much respect for your good sense & honor - to think for one moment - that you could adopt so ridiculous a character for any purpose as a model - Far from it - and if I gave a moments pain to you by a reference of the kind - I hope you will forget it - as nothing was further from my purpose - I am incapable of doing you such injustice -

I am rejoiced to hear of your resolution to assiduously labor - to achieve distinction - nothing my Son was ever accomplished in any department of life - without labor - stimulated by strong ambition & resolute will - Let your aims be noble & honorable - remember the moral <sup>as well</sup> ~~as~~ as intellectual faculties are to be trained & are indispensable to success - that is solid and permanent success - nothing upon earth will be more cheering to my old age - than see my only Son