

Washington 21st Oct. 1828

My dear Henry

I rec^d your favor of the 16th inst. I have constantly intended to write you, since my return from the West, but I have omitted it from the multitude of my engagements. My health is improved by the trip, but it is not, and I fear never again will be, as stout as I could wish.

I am glad to hear of your success, and particularly of your doing better in drawing than you had expected. All the accounts that reach me are highly creditable to you, and you now constitute one of my greatest sources of happiness.

I think you would do well to refresh your recollection of the dead languages. I never enjoyed the advantage of knowing them, but I have remarked that those who do find a resource in them throughout life, and some times at a late period of it.

Mr Woods, the President of Transylvania has been installed and the Institution has been again opened with good prospects.

Your Mama and family are well.

Thomas has been behaving very ill at Philad^a. & N. York -

Your aff^l father
H. Clay