

Auckland 19th April 1829.

My dear Son

You perceive that my letter is dated at home. We reached here tomorrow will be a fortnight. We found the house and grounds out of repair but not more so than was to be expected. We shall have them in nice order by the time you will join us.

I received your letter of the 29th Ulls. the perusal of which afforded me much satisfaction. I am delighted to find that you are so firmly resolved upon attaining eminence at the Bar. I am well persuaded that you have it in your power to make yourself any thing you please. "Iniquid vult, valde vult." You know that I am not versed in Latin, and I cannot therefore answer for the correctness of my quotation.

But to attain the highest place, or even a respectable rank, in the profession of law, you must make up your mind to labor incessantly. I never studied half enough. I always relied too much upon the resources of my genius. If I had life to pass over again, and, with my present information, could control my movements, I would not appear at the Bar before 24 or 25, nor until after two or three years, at the least, of close study. You must not however let your eagerness to enter upon the study of law occasion you to remit your efforts in your present pursuits. Of these, I am well convinced, you will profit in all the vicissitudes of your future life.

I hope you will not neglect to bring with you some of your own drawings, according to your intention. We shall
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