

Ashland 20<sup>th</sup> April 1831

My dear son

I received your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> and the one of previous date. According to your request, I transmit enclosed a check for three hundred dollars, of which I have no doubt you will make a proper use.

The usual reports from the department of War of the conduct of Cabets are regularly received by me, and they assure me of your perseverance and success. I need not repeat the expression of the high gratification they afford me.

When you join us at Ashland we will consider and decide the interesting question of your future pursuit in life. On that subject I wrote you a letter by Mr. Pope on my way from New Orleans. My opinions there expressed remain the same, subject of course to re-examination.

Mum is busily occupied in preparing her house garden, and grounds attached to it, for Mr. Erwin, whom she expects in about three weeks. She takes great delight in the occupation, and they will have a delightful residence.

We have had, with the exception of three or four days of bad weather, a most agreeable April, and our fine Country looks charming.

P.S. Do you want the letters of introduction, about which you wrote to me formerly, or will you just return to Kentucky?

Your aff<sup>l</sup> father

H. Clay