

Clay's prairie Ill. May 23^d 1832

Dear Henry

I thank you for the kind attention you have manifested to our interests here in promptly forwarding the seed corn requested. It arrived in Fine Haute on the 6th of the month. I have already 140 acres of it planted. The freight from Louisville to Fine Haute was enormous, (\$1. 12 1/2 per cwt.) But I trust it will prove invaluable. I shall endeavor to get in, this season, the following crops. 15 acres in oats, (already sowed & up) 25 in clover (sowed & coming up beautifully,) 280 in corn, 100 in rye & 50 in wheat.

The country is now in a terrible state of alarm from an invasion of the Sac & Fox Indians. 250 men rather than stand a draft, have volunteered in this county, and are now awaiting orders. A report reached us yesterday that a battle or rather a skirmish had taken place, in which the whites were defeated with the loss of 50 men.

I shall leave this for Lexington on the 15th June. Remember me to our friends, Give Ann and her children my love

Yours affectionately

Thos M Clay

P.S. I shall go out as a volunteer against Black Hawk on the 2^d call