

Ashtland Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1832.

My dear Son

I recd. last night your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup>. As it seems that I must go to Washington this winter, I have finally concluded to go a little earlier than I contemplated when you left us, and shall probably start on Thursday or Friday of next week. I shall go too by the public conveyances and by the Ohio river, if I can get up it. I need not say with what regretful feelings I leave Kentucky.

Your observations on political affairs are just. The movement against nullification at housesville has no doubt been prompted from Washington; and if they would comprehend all nullification, our friends ought heartily to second the motion. But I can see no advantage in our taking part in proceedings agt. S. Carolina, whilst that of Georgia and the President remains triumphant.

I hope, my dear Henry, that you will devote yourself assiduously to your studies; whether at housesville or Lexington is not so material, provided you are diligent. You have a long and, I hope, a happy life before you; but you must never cease to reflect that whether happy or wretched depends mainly on yourself. You have all the external circumstances to cheer and animate you; and you have enjoyed advantages of education which few in our Country were possessed of.

According to my custom on leaving home, for any length of time, I have made a Will which I have confided to the care of your mother. I have manifested my confidence in you by appointing you one of its Executors.

Your mother unites with me in affectionate regards to Julia.

Your attached father  
H. Clay

Mr. H. Clay Junr.

P.S. I wish you would enquire of Mr. McWhaine about a bundle of Thomas's which was sent to his care last Spring was a year from N. Orleans by Mr. Erwin

H.C.