

Wash. 5th Dec 1833.

My dear Son.

The House of R. turned out the old Clerk, and thereby exhibited a Jackson majority disposed to go all lengths. Whether they will be able to retain that majority or not remains to be seen. In the Senate there are somewhat better indications, but there has been no fair trial of the strength of parties there yet. I should not be surprized if Tom Moore is admitted to take the Oath and qualify as a member, leaving Mr. Belcher to contest his seat afterwards. They are trying to make a party question of it.

I wish you would ride over to Oakland occasionally and let me know how things go there. I fear from the tenor of the letters of Theodore that his mind is more unsettled than ever and from Tom's recent silence I am apprehensive that he also has relapsed into his old habits.

When you go over see what arrangements they have made for taking care of my Jack & Warrior and for guarding my Saxon sheep against the dogs. Theodore writes me that Martin is keeping constantly three or four head of stock. I went with your young officer to Martin you wd ascertain that fact and what are our prospects for a plentiful supply of winter provisions for my stock and in what condition they are.

Give our love to Julia and Miss Henry for me

Wm H. Clay Junr.

Your's affec^tly

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