

My Dear Son

Wash. 18th Jan. 1839.

I received your favor of the 6th. The measure adopted at Frankfort of sending Comm^{rs} to Ohio will have good effect, whether it be attended with success or not.

My friends are recovering from the discouragement which at the commencement of the Session they felt, in consequence of recent events which preceded it. In N. Carolina, it was ascertained, that the Whigs of the Legislature were unanimous in my favor. Nearly the same unanimity is known to exist at Richmond; and I have the strongest assurances, and every reason to believe, that N. York stands firm by her preference for me. An effort is making to produce a prejudice against me as a Slaveholder in N. England, but I think it will be unavailing. I am inclined to believe that Mr. Webster has entered into the plan of electing Genl. Jacobson Harrison. If he has, he cannot carry with him his own friends, & I believe that I shall be benefited at the South & finally not prejudiced at the North by that course should be pursued.

The Antimasonic nomination has fallen still-born. It was a mere mockery; there not having been a single delegate in it elected by any primary meeting of Anti Masons, nor, except from Pruss^a, a delegate from any other State. One man gave the whole vote of N. York and another that of Massachusetts.

I am not sure that any thing is necessary to be done at Frankfort. I think that if James T. Morehead could be substituted in place of Mr. Wickliffe as a member to the Nat. Con. it would be a good change; but Mr. W. ought to be treated with all proper delicacy.

My belief is that nothing but our divisions, can probably save the present Adminⁿ.

Mr. H. Clay Jun^r.

My love to Julia & the children
Yours aff^{ly} father
H. Clay