

Ashland February 15<sup>th</sup> 1840

My dear Henry

We have just received the intelligence of the death of poor Julia. Need we assure you how deeply we all feel for your bereavement? Knowing her, as we did, could we have any other but the strongest feelings of attachment for her. We were all proud of her; Her sweetness & amiability of temper, endeared her to all who approached her. May you my dear brother, receive from above, that strength to enable you to bear, this greatest of earthly trials, is the sincere pray-

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Of your affectionate brother  
Thos H. Clay

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