

My dear Son

Achland 27<sup>th</sup> Apr 1845

I received your letter, transmitting a check for your part of the interest on the Astor debt. I had previously sent the interest, and written to Mr. G. requesting a further indulgence of two years, with an assurance that it was the last possibility that I would ask. There has not yet been time enough to receive an answer.

I saw your letter in the Journal about the representation in Congress from your district, and think that it was very properly and happily composed. From what I have seen I suppose Mr. Bullock of Shelby will be the Candidate.

Poor John continues to be a source of great affliction to us. The most distressing circumstance in his case is that his reason is sufficient to enable him to comprehend his situation, and to feel his confinement with the keenest pain, and yet is not enough to make it, perhaps, prudent or safe to liberate him. If he were unconscious, we should be less afflicted. That is the condition of his unfortunate brother, and I fear will ultimately become his own.

I am inclined to make one more experiment with John here; and if he exhibit again such wildness of conduct as he did, when we were compelled to send him to the Hospital, to return him to it finally, or at least until he is unquestionably restored to his mind, if it should please God ever to restore him.

Your children are doing very well, and I should regret almost any arrangement by which they should be taken away from