

My Dear Son

Auckland 21st June 1845

I recd your letter transmitting the discount I paid on the discount of your notes at the Banks, which was all right.

My health is not entirely restored, and that of your mother has not been good, but she is better.

The rest of the families here are well.

I am daily occupied in sitting for my portrait to Mr. Healy - a most unpleasant occupation, altho' he seems to be an artist of great talent.

Dear love to your children.

Mr. H. Clay &

Your affl. father

H. Clay