

My dear Son

Ashland 22^d July 1845

Henry has been with us a week, behaving very well. He intended to return tomorrow, in conformity with your orders; but, as he and we should be happy for him to remain another week, I told him that I would assume the authority of detaining him, and that I was sure you would consent to the extension of his furlough, which I hope you will do.

We are all well. Wm. Claiborne and his family are with us, and we should be glad to have you occupying the only spare room we have remaining.

Your affec^t father

H. Clay

Mr. H. Clay Jr.