

The following eulogy on the death of Colonel Clay who fell in the battle of Buena-Vista, is copied from an unpublished oration of J. B. Dods, D. D. of New York city, on the Life Character & Battles of General Taylor

"But lamentable to relate, at the very close of the action, Lieutenant Colonel Clay, the much lamented son of Henry Clay, was cloven down in the tempest of battle. Colonel Clay was an accomplished gentleman - a man of sterling integrity and brilliant talents. He had received at West-Point a thorough military education, and he was patriotic and brave as was accomplished and great. Here the countenance of Gen. Taylor grew pale - his heart melted and his tears flowed.

Yes, the lamented Colonel Clay has stood in that dreadful field! - But his work is done - his career of rapture & glory is ended, and in the morning of his usefulness he has fallen! He is gone! Melancholy sensations of human greatness and grandeur mingled with pleasing recollections crowd upon our minds! Farewell to the gallant son of the renowned Patriot of Ashland! Peace to his ashes! - a bleeding bosom alive to his virtues and his memory - freedom and immortal rest to his noble and daring spirit, and a pleasing, melancholy reminiscence to his sacred shade!!!

May guardian angels, with bright, starry wing, ever hover there, and breathe their immortal requiem over the tomb of the brave! May the cold clods of the valley rest lightly on