

My Dear Julia

Ashland 23<sup>d</sup> June 1833.

Thinking it possible that you may not have heard as late from Henry as the date of the enclosed, I transmitted it to you. It appears that you may very soon expect him.

We continue at Ashland and at the Woodlands exempt from any serious case of Cholera. It has also much abated in Lex<sup>a</sup>. altho' now and then a case occurs. Mean time, it has broken out at Paris and Lancaster with dreadful violence. At the former place 27 deaths occurred in a short time; and at the latter from 15 to 20. The whole village of Lancaster, horse foot and dragoon, with few exceptions, marched off. In one instance, the entire family deserted their house, leaving the head dead & mangled.

I am afraid that Rowsville will hardly escape; and if you are in a movable condition, I wish on Henry's return that you would come to us with Mr. Peatkin and any of the family that will join you. After it has totally disappeared from Lex<sup>a</sup>. (what we may now hope will be the case in a few days) it will, I think, be one of the safest places of refuge in the State.

Mr. Julia Clay.

Your affl<sup>d</sup> father  
J. Clay