

New Orleans March 9th 1846

My dear Son

I was very glad a short time since to receive a letter from you, the more so as it was the first one I had received and I had begun to grow uneasy at your not writing. I hope my dear boy you will not neglect to write to me frequently; for besides that the pen is the best schoolmaster and the habit of writing your thoughts the best mental training that you can now have, you should reflect that the only real happiness for me is centered in my children. On you I rely and I hope you will never forget the trust and confidence I have in you.

I am detained here longer than I could wish but I hope to be able before long to return to Kentucky, when I shall be sure to make you a visit at Lexington.

Your grandpa is still here and is at present a little indisposed. While in Ky according to our accounts the winter has been very cold, in La it has only been since my arrival here very variable and as a consequence bad colds have been very frequent. Your Grandpa is suffering in this way, but I hope will soon be well.

I had a very pretty letter a few days since from our dear little Anne. I hope you will write to her sometimes.

Tommy wants to see a letter from you.

Present my love to Ma and all our friends
of father
Every day to