

New Orleans February 4th 1832

Dear Father

I have just received your letter of the 17th ultimo and a corrected copy of your speech in the Senate. I am grateful to you for both. The address I think is one of the happiest efforts you ever made; and the letter assures me of your continued attachment. I know well that I have frequently erred, yet I believe that my heart is good; and I am sure that my affection for you is warm and unabated. It is indeed one of the greatest gratifications that I experience to receive from you these continued expressions of esteem and approbation. But I very much fear that Judge Porter's friendship for you, and through you, for me, has overrated the exertions that I am making. I am not idle, but yet I do not apply myself so closely as I could wish to do.

We have been in some expectation of seeing Uncle Brown, but are now beginning to despair of his coming.

Judge Rowan and family, and Mr Talbot, who travelled with us to Vincennes, are all in the city.

No certain political demonstration has been made since I have been here.

In my last I said something about going to Europe. You will not I hope, permit my remarks to bias your