

Dear Thomas

Washn 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1837

I received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. and was gratified with the account it contained of the progress of work at Arkland. I had received from James a letter communicating the illness of his Cousin, and I fear he has died. I have myself been ill but I have gotten better, altho' I do not yet feel quite well.

Congress will adjourn on the 16<sup>th</sup> and I hope to reach home by the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Sub Treasury bill is before the House, and the general opinion seems to be that it will not pass at this Session.

I presume this letter will find you married. I sincerely hope that you may be happy and enjoy a long life. And I feel quite certain that you may be.

Give my love and my blessing to Mary.

Mr. Tho. H. Clay

Your aff<sup>r</sup> father  
H. Clay