

Hon James B. Clay

Sir I have been so long confined here that I have become quite destitute of obtaining things to make me comfortable. Our living is very slender here, no vegetables not even a potatoe. If I had the means I would send out and procure them. If you will be so kind as to enclose me two or three dollars to the care of Henry Harrison Esq. Clerk to the Bellevue Hospital N.Y. you will confer a great favor on your Obedient Servant

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Benjamin O. Tyler