

New Orleans March 11<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Dear Father

This morning I stood my examination in open court before the Judges of the Supreme Court and I intend immediately to commence the practice. My visit to Mobile and my examination and license there were entirely unnecessary. I was admitted to an examination on the plea of residency. I am full of hope and energy and loving the civil law as I do I indulge a subdued confidence of ultimate success. At all events I shall continue the trial for two seasons after the present.

Your old friend Mr. C. Bonheury died a few days ago and left his family plunged in the deepest distress. He has left them homeless in independent circumstances. Julia will leave me for R<sup>y</sup> in about 10 days. It is with great reluctance that I consent to her leaving me but as I shall remain here perhaps until the first of July, and as it will be impossible from peculiar circumstances for her to remain so long we think it best for her to take the opportunity of Mr. Prather's going up to join him.

Ann talks of going to Mobile tomorrow for four or five days.

I find that so little business is done here after July that it will be unnecessary for me <sup>to remain</sup> a lawyer has kindly offered to attend to any business that I might have in my absence.