

North Elkhorn Farm

June 24, 1879

John W. Clay Esq.

My dear Sir

On arriving
home and learning the nature of
your gift to me this day — leaves
me without language to express
the pleasure that I feel in the
possession of a relic, won and
handled by The Great Statesman of
the Country, your father. — I assure
you that I fully appreciate your
generous and kindly feelings towards
myself, in parting with a family
treasure which must have been
so precious to you. Its place
shall be at the head of all my
mementos, God bless you
and yours.

Truly your friend
M. H. Sanford.