

The Woodlands 1st Apr

My dear Father.

We returned home a week since in a hack from Louisville, the River being too low for boats, to our friends all well, Mr Smith and the boys were waiting for me at my own house; they have been out frequently since and appear to be very well and happy, John looks stronger and has a better color than I have ever seen him have.

I found my garden and the work generally very backward, owing to the young man's not being very energetic that Mr Erwin left here; I astonished them all by rising at day light and having them at work before breakfast and hope by a little industry to have our place looking quite in order before Mr Erwin returns. Seeing me so engaged has set Henry to work, he has commenced and by finished pruning the grounds and intends to have every thing looking very clean and beautiful against your coming out. I am delighted to see him so happy and occupied; he does not my house and dines at home every day. You may tell him not to be uneasy about the garden for as usual it is more forward than any that I have seen, Tom is a most valuable

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