

Free J. Clay

FREE

Mr. Larcher Clay



Arkland

near Lexington

(K)

SATIN

My Dear Wife

Washington 6th June 1841

Gen. Shelby arrived here last night & brought me intelligence that all were well at home.

I think the health of John is improving. He is of that opinion, and so is his physician. Duval has been with us a week. He and John lodge near us in another house and eat with us. He is grown very much. He is fitting himself out very well with clothes at the expense of my pocket, and will soon sail again for the Mediterranean.

Obtaining a large sale of plants and flowers, I put you out into the hands of the public gardener, and he has promised all of them but one. He insists upon presenting them to you, and will not receive from me their price. He is to pack them in a box the day after tomorrow, and he says they will live some few weeks. The difficulty is in getting them out to you, if the river should be low at Wheeling. I shall however do the best I can.

I have heard lately from Mr. Ewing.

They have thrown on me a great weight of business and responsibility. I shall get through it as well as I can. I run now between 4 & 5 o'clock, take a ride of 6 or 8 miles, and get to hard work immediately after breakfast.

Tell Thomas ~~Watson~~ & James that Mr. Ewing thinks that Bagging & Rope will be high, and that I must not be in a hurry to contract for any. I have heard of the safe arrival at Charleston of that destined for