

Washington 17th April 1832

My Dear Henry

I rec^d. your favor of the 9th inst, and it afforded me great satisfaction to perceive that you continued to take an interest in improvements at Oakland. As to rough casting the house, I have always wiked to have it done, but before we definitively decide upon it, I would thank you to procure and transmit an estimate of the cost. Tell Mr. Martin that I wisk the Wickliffe mare put to Stamboul, the Arabian mare to Shakespeare, and the Virginia mare to my neighbour Mr. Hunt's Hunter horse. Tell him also that I hope he will have the lot between the old (wooden) stable and the Mill well prepared and sowed in Hemp, which I intend as a crop preparatory to putting it again in grass.

I am glad to hear that Theodore looks well, but I sensibly fear that he will never recover. I wisk you could reconcile it to your feelings occasionally to visit him.

There is a good prospect of co-operation between the Anti Masons & N. R. in N. York; and if should be brought about cordially there is but little doubt of the defeat of Jackson.

I yesterday made a Report, on the Public Lands, to the Senate, which has elicited very favorable commendation.

Congress will not I apprehend adjourn before the middle of June. Your mother joins me in love to you.

Yrs. A. Clay Junr.

Your aff^l Father

A. Clay

P.S. Will you get an estimate also of the expence of painting the outside of our house some light color?