

Philadelphia 30th Dec. 1832.

Dear Henry.

I came here to accompany James on his way to Boston, and knowing that but little was likely to be done at Washington until the new year I have remained a few days longer than I intended. I shall return on Wednesday. During my absence from Wash. my letters not having been sent to me, I presume there are some three from you and others in N. These I hope to receive on getting back.

James went on to Boston shortly after my arrival here. He has entered the Commercial House of Messrs. Grant and Sewers on trial, and assures me that he will do all in his power to please them.

Our public affairs seem to be approaching a crisis. Still, I am inclined to think that South Carolina will get pause, and postpone the execution of her Ordinance until she sees whether the Tariff will not be repealed. Gen. Jackson seems bent on its destruction, and it will be difficult to sustain it against the means which will be employed to overthrow it.

During my sojourn here, I have been treated with the utmost hospitality, kindness and consideration.

John writes me that you have finally resolved to go to N. Orleans. When do you go?

Give my love to Lucia.

Your aff^l father

Mr. H. Clay Jun^r

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P.S. Your uncle Brown, with whom I stay, is very well, and in better spirits than I expected to find him. He speaks very kindly of you.

H. C.