

My dear son

Ashland 7th July 1833.

I was glad to learn from your letter of the 4th that the health of Louisville and of your family and connections continued good, and sincerely hope that it may remain so.

Our health here and at Mr. Erwin's also remains good. It is greatly improved in Lexington; but, now and then, a shaggy case of Cholera occurs there. On Monday last Mr. T. Smith lost Caroline, a favorite servant of Kanelle. On Wednesday Mr. C. Hunt lost his cook, and there have been one or two other deaths during the week. The weather is now dry, clear and fine, and I hope will contribute to the restoration of health.

It is now time to prepare for cutting your timothy, and you have said nothing to me about it. Our hands are so full here that I regret I cannot have it done for you. Mr. Erwin has engaged Genl. Shelby to have his meadow mowed, and he begins tomorrow. If I can get him afterwards to 'cut yours', I shall do so unless you otherwise direct. Your grass is washing in your woods, and unless you have some stick to pull them, I will send four or five head, if you have no objection.

Mr. Clay understands well me in love to Luke and yourself.

Mr. H. Clay Junr.

Your affl. father

H. Clay