

My Dear Son

Auckland 6th May 45.

Mr. Astor accedes to the postponement of the residue of our debt to him for another period of two years, under the assurance which I have given him that it is the last that will be asked.

Since I last wrote to you, I have again taken John out of the Hospital, and he has been calm and rational. I pray to God that he may so continue.

I have begun today an improvement in my house by pulling down the Eastern projection in the dining room, with the view of rebuilding & carrying it up to the roof. I think it will add to our comfort.

I have received a letter from the French Minister. The order could not be found at Paris for the occupation of a part of the plantation of Claude Vellars, but they found an order, dated in Jan'y 1760, for the fortification of N. Orleans, of which however they omitted to send me a Copy, which I have now requested.

Your children are well.

Mr. H. Clay &

Yrs affectionately

H. Clay