

Ashland May 11<sup>th</sup> 1832

My dear Father

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May has just been received. You mention some repairs of your house, which shall be attended to, to the best of my ability. The expense of stuccoing is greater than I had supposed. You will remember that the estimate I sent you excluded windows and doors. But I find that the whole surface is calculated, and the house is covered at the rate of 50 cents a square yard. The no of yards is about 1120. So that the expense instead of being \$350. will be \$560. or upwards. This expenditure would be so great that I do not know that painting would <sup>not</sup> be preferable. The more especially as the house wants window-shutters, steps, and many repairs in the interior; to prevent its having the appearance, were it well stuccoed on the exterior, of being a patchwork of ostentation. Besides, painting would be more easily done, and sooner completed: and again the oil would perhaps be a better safe-guard against dampness than ~~stuccoing~~

Anne is in good health as well as her children. Mr Erwin has not yet arrived, but is expected next week

Theodore spent today with Anne and at Ashland. He is in good health.

You ask about your stock. It is in good order as far as I am able to judge. Your asses are well attended to. And your yearling Jack very large. The Wickliffe mare has a horse colt; but I have not yet seen it. She had it on her way to Moun Staling at Col