

Nashville Tennessee

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1823

Dear Sir

The bearer hereof Mr. James  
Erwin has intimated to me a wish  
that I would give him a letter to you  
in relation to his standing and character  
in this country, which request it  
gives me great pleasure to grant  
I have been personally acquainted with him  
several years and during the whole time  
I have considered him a young man of  
the first talents and respectability. I  
know of none that are his superiors in  
either <sup>respect</sup> and I believe so far as I have  
ever heard him spoken of, that is his  
character both here and elsewhere.

I have known his father from my  
boyhood and in every situation of life  
in which he has been plac<sup>d</sup> he has

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A. Cannon

Remondy St. Tenn

45-15th Nashville

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Henry Clay  
Springton Kentucky