

Washington

Feb 18th 1843

My dear Son.



I have been here for the last
five weeks watching these troubled waters. Nothing
is to be done at this season to ^{serve} ~~save~~ the Country. The
Currency will be left as it is because the Clay Whigs
cannot mend it in their own way by a Bank
which it is now impossible to adopt for at
least ~~at~~ perhaps 7 years. The assumption pro-
ject is unbinding with the People who go faster
than the Politicians. A Majority of the Com-
mittee of Ways & Means have reported against the scheme.
The Select Committee ^{Johnston} is chairman
has not yet reported & perhaps they will
not. The Clay men have at length agreed
to call a Convention to nominat the opening
the question. Being satisfied that Clay
can't be elected I am open & decided
for some other candidate. Perhaps Judge
Wade of Ohio is the most ^{prominent} ~~prominent~~ &
might be nominated if Clay would
desert. Should he not the various sections
of

of any circumstance that may be called would
certainly write upon him in proportion to any
other. I fear more than I hope on all this
subject -

of the 4th & 5th. ^{dated Madrid} You will see a letter in the Intelligencer
dated Madrid which you will recognize I
handed it to Mrs. Gates to read she to her
husband he was so much pleased with it
that he insisted upon ^{publishing} it or
rather pub. it and thus you have got into
pound. It was in the next day copied
into the Globe without ^{solicitation} or
knowledge on my part.

I wish you could find time to
write for the Intelligencer I am sure
it would be of great service to you
think of it my dear Boy you must
now seek reputation in order that
you may thereby acquire money which
is at this moment with us at a great
want. The ^{faults} of the first copy
has cut me off from ^{income} & I fear
that ^{will} not be improved for

at least two years. The Capital has lost \$110,000
& that must be made good before a dividend can
be made. I am about (I believe) to engage with
R. & G. L. S. in some Steam Boat operation by
which I am, ^{in some way}, ^{making} ^{money}
at all events I am bound to make the experi-
ment. Maria & Sister can well be sent
with the exception of a Cold. I will leave
this letter to be forwarded from the State Department
and return to N.Y. to stay with George.

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God bless you dear son
your father

A humble son
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Madrid

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