

Orange County University May 4<sup>th</sup> 1795.

Dear Father,

This being a day of rest I thought there was nothing I could engage in that would give me so much pleasure as in writing to so good a Father, which I conceive is the most we can add to your happiness now, with closed attention to our studies, and to hope you may never have to say that you wish you had never had a Son, as I dare say many have, but to the contrary I hope we shall live to be a pleasure to you in time. We have been as well as common except the spleen which is as bad as ever, until within this few days I think it is somewhat better, I swing by my hands every morning and night; also have been taking Sul<sup>phur</sup> just steeped in Brandy for better than a week but cannot perceive whether it has done me any good or not yet; last week I was troubled very much with a griping but I am quite clear of it now and am in hopes I shall be able to give a better account of it the next time I write.

I shall inform you of something that may perhaps seem strange at first, that is Mr<sup>r</sup> Kimbel is going to move to Caintucky and that we shall have to board at commons though he is not to set off until the first of September, but he says that he and Mr<sup>r</sup> Kimbel are going from home and will not return in less than a Month, and that <sup>his</sup> other business is so that he cannot attend to boarders, and he intends if he can to get Mr<sup>r</sup> Maylor to board us if he will trust you until you come up as he generally has a quarter or half at entrance, he is not at home at present if he had been I should have known whether he would have taken us or not; he went away a day or two before I knew any thing of this, and I don't expect him back in less than ~~two~~ <sup>eight</sup> or ~~three~~ <sup>ten</sup> days but I