

Paples Grove - May 22^d

We received your letter on Tuesday last. My dear John - and I am distressed and mortified that you have not received our letters - the first of April or some time in March I wrote you a long letter - and informing you of poor Lizzy Kemble's death. Robert wrote to you from Norfolk on his way to Virginia with your Father's horses - the first of May I wrote to you from Baltimore, where I spend a visit of a fortnight, William wrote to you from Washington, and we have twice sent you recently news papers - the last giving a full account of the National Whig Convention in Baltimore - I now write with scarcely a hope of your getting this - I see your letter is postmarked Tallahassee - is that the nearest Office - believe me my own dear son you are seldom absent from the thoughts of the circle at Paples Grove - at the Table one and another will say I wish John was here, this is what poor John likes - and the day Belouch wished for you to join in a fine plate of Thackerays - your Father often remembers you in a glass of wine - and you are one of the first whose name I trust reaches Heaven in my daily petitions for my absentees - your Father and myself are indulged alone with the two little boys - Kenneth is at Eastern helping Ann - in the Fair that has been held for the last 3 days - the Corner Stone of the new Church was to be laid on the Dock last yesterday afternoon - and the whole to be enclosed by a concert last night Ann's health is better though still delicate - Robert is also in Eastern Medford and her sweet babies are at Salisbury where I left yesterday - all well and doing better I hope - every thing on the farm looks flourishing the wheat is somewhat injured by the fly - as it is more or less all over the shore - your Father's best of English wheat is very much injured - but the field fine - poor Thomas is very much cut - your Father has been unfortunate with his horses again - the colt Jack Maria had to train with William Tilghman, were returned as wanting harness - so much money sunk - I hope Mr E will now be induced to sell for what they will bring not what they are worth - he has several fine colts of this spring - even -