

Rose Mount

6th March 1835

My Dear Sir

Mr. Clay showed me your favour to him of the 25th Att^r, at the same time remarking that there was no one whose character he held in higher estimation than yours & that he would be glad to communicate with you at all times upon any other subject than the one to which your letter referred & he said I would write you — a proof of my age — nearly put it out of my power to do so sooner —

In the early part of your session had our friends not have been occupied by subjects of a deep & exciting interest, a nomination of the favour of Maryland might possibly have had a happy effect, but the futile nomination of Judge M. Lane in Ohio & the unpromising presentation of W. Webster's name to the People of the U. States by the Legislature of Massachusetts has changed altogether our position in this State —

The former can achieve nothing, not even at home, who knows it, but holds on upon his position in the political arena notwithstanding his seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court, for the sole purpose of thwarting Mr. Clay at the expense of buying ridicule & contempt upon himself —
W. W. much and deservedly as he is