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My dear Bernie

I have delayed writing to you until now, in the hope that I might be able to give you some account of my movements, and the prospect before me, but I am still in the same state of uncertainty as when I left home. I have been to Louisville, and spent a day with Mr Ashland, who was very kind, and I believe would do anything in his power to serve me, but he could not give me any thing in his own office, and I do not think he could do much for me in any other way, as he is so much occupied with his own business, and so many claims upon him. I also saw Mr Clay, who was very kind, and promised to do what he could for me, but he could not give me any thing himself, and I do not think he can