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## Letter, February 13, 1848, from William Calhoun to John Calhoun Clemson

William Calhoun

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My dear Catharine

You cannot imagine the pleasure, the reception of your well written letter afforded me, and I was quite surprised to see such good writing from one so young. I expect before long you will write as well as any one.

You do not know how I want to see you & little Susy, Mama & Papa, for it has been a long, long time since you left us, so long I expect you would not know me, were you to see me; but I would know you, I am certain I would, although you have grown so much.

You say, you wish to learn to ride, and

shoot; well, when you come, I will teach  
you, for I am a pretty good shot, and  
cannot be thrown from a horse; but I  
suppose you have become so fond of  
Europe, that our simple country will  
not suit you, when you return, still you  
must not forget that you are an  
American. I should like so much  
to hear you & little Sissy sing, and see  
you dance. You must learn all the  
European dances, and teach them to  
me when you come home, for a great  
many of them we never see. I wish  
you & your little dog were here, as  
there are a great many rabbits, &  
we could have fine fun chasing  
them. You must keep him till you  
come, and then we can see if he will

run rabbits; but I expect you have to  
speak to him in french, I could not  
hunt with him, for I cannot speak  
french, I will get you to teach me  
when you come to the U. States, Chama  
says you had been to see the Queen,  
you must write me all about it  
in your next. Tell Mamma, that I  
received her letter, and will write  
her soon. You must study hard, and  
learn to read french before you leave  
Europe, for you will not have so good  
an opportunity again. If you do  
not study, as mamma says you can  
not be a great man, I wish I had  
studied more when young. I would  
now have finished my education, and  
could learn to be a lawyer or something else,

and perhaps have my name in  
 the papers like your grand father;  
 but I hope some day that you will  
 be as great as he is. I must close as  
 grand mother, is going to send her  
 letter to the office, and I want to put  
 this in it. Grand mother, & Aunt  
 Cornelia, send their love to your mama  
 & papa, little Sissy & yourself, and may  
 kisses to both of you.

Your affectionate Uncle  
 William

Master J. Cahoon Clemson