

1st April 1831

My dear Father

I received yours with a letter to be forwarded to my uncle. I send you one of his in return which I opened merely to see if any answer was required but found that it only announced & packed by the Middleton which I shall look out for. The Lion will sail in about ten days and I said to Messrs. W. Robertson that I had disposed of my bill to Mr Lewis, he said he would take another ^{at 200} at par if you would draw at thirty days after sight instead of sixty which would be the only way to get the money down it was the 60 days that Mr Lewis objected so much to that bill that he gave me will be due on the 14th instant - so that you will have plenty of funds without discounting - I have sent up the chest of Tea by Strachan - and the sheep ointment with some colouring for Mr Home by Strachan also I propose that you should borrow some of his and return him it when you can get card. I have hardly had time to attend to your commission as we had such a busy day on Thursday before I received your letters and to day being good Friday nothing can be done -

Mr. Siley has got a little son with black hair and they are both doing extremely well -

with best love to you all I remain
your dutiful son
W. Keate

P.S. I forgot to mention that a Scotchman has bought the Striggs farm about a mile back crop and all for 15000 pounds I believe on the same terms he offered it to you -

W B I, cake -
10 April 1831 -

Edgar Allan Poe

John Van Bibber