LAW OFFICES ROUNTREE & CARR GEO. ROUNTREE J.O. CARR L.J. POISSON 909 MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK WILMINGTON, N. C. January 9, 1924-rm. My dear Boy, Neither Mother nor I had, up to three o'clock to-day, when I left the house, heard from you since your return, and both of us are very anxious about it, because we want to know something about whether you got on the track team, but, more particularly, whether or not you did not freeze to death Saturday, Sunday or Monday. I think it really very foolish in you not to get a good heavy overcoat, something like a rough wool overcoat, not for style at all, but for warmth when you go out in bad weather. You should also have heavy shoes. You have a natural tendency for catarrhal troubles, and you must do everything in your power and use some common sense in doing so - not to have any more colds than you can help. I would also like to know if you had a pleasant time with your friend in New York, and something of what you did. Devereaux came around about twice after you left and brought his remarkable dog, which is as ugly as they make them, but really a dog of considerable intelligence, as she would go, on command, and get his coat or hat, etc. Possibly, next winter, his father will have her trained to go out and get ducks, and it may be that you boys will be invited to go down there and shoot ducks. By the way, I wish you would let me know at once what you want to do with reference to your Ford. Do you want to sell it, put the money in bank, and then buy another one next summer or winter, or what do you want to do? If I sell it for you, I shall put the money in a savings bank, so that you cannot waste it, but if you want it kept, I will see if I cannot get it stored for you. Meta was trying to learn to run it the other day, and I mildly remarked that I did not know whether you wanted it used by James and Meta, or not, but whatever you want about it, please write distinctly, but, before, deciding, possibly you had better confer with Sidney or with Roy. Personally, I know nothing about what is best. I hope you will keep comfortable during this cold weather, and I also hope that you will go to a good place and buy yourself a good heavy suit of clothes and a heavy, rough overcoat. I was really a little pained that you did not have heavy clothes

that looked fairly respectable to come home in. Those clothes you had were entirely too thin.

You spoke something of wanting to get through sooner than the regular time, but I want to tell you that nothing on earth ought to induce you to want to do that, because your future development will depend entirely upon the thoroughness with which you are prepared. John Bellamy would not have amounted to a hill of beans if he had not been thoroughly prepared under a very able tutor at the University of Virginia. I think it can he truly said that he has learned no law since, but he was thoroughly prepared. If you will try and will become a thoroughly cultured man first, I see no reason why you should not go fartin law. Not only that, but if public life should attract you, and/higher walks of public life are certainly attractive, it will be necessary for you to study the things that are taught at Harvard College and in the Harvard Law School, such as Public Economics, Constitutional History, and, in the Law School, Constitutional Law and International Law. All these are exceedingly interesting, and very important, and should really be the prime purpose of your study, but you should take them and other things along in a reasonable sort of way.

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