

Dear Madam

Monticello Dec. 25. 13.

The news of the embargo reached me yesterday. This rendering the hope of getting money for our crop, more than doubtful, makes it necessary to avoid new money engagements. I am therefore obliged to decline taking the cask of your good old brandy which you were so kind as to offer. The same circumstance affects deeply the question on which you consulted me, whether you ought to take $3/4$ for your wheat. I am fully not now able to give an opinion. I will take the liberty of ~~order~~ sending for some barrels of apples; and if a basket of them can now be sent by the bearer they will be acceptable ~~and desirable~~ as accommodated to the season of mince-pies. Accept the assurance of my friendship & respect

Mrs Lewis

Th: Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson to Mary "Molly" Walker Lewis, 25 Dec. 1813

Lewis m^{rs} Molly Dec. 25.

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