

Washington 11<sup>th</sup> April 1836

My Dear Son

I wrote you a few days ago, and, altho' I am not sure of this letter reaching you, I now write principally to inform you that two of the Poitou Apes (the Jack and one of the Linnæus) have unfortunately died at Sea, and the third is in such condition as to make her recovery uncertain. I get this information from Mr. Hagarly. They were shipped on board the Geo. Turner on the 22<sup>d</sup> Feb. and their loss is attributed to a long rough and unadvised voyage. I fear there has been neglect; as the six Apes shipped by Mr. Shepherd in Nov<sup>r</sup> did not arrive at N. Orleans until March (being four months at sea) and were in better order, all agree, than any animals had been ever known to have been brought over in before. It is true they had the advantage of the Trade winds. I do not know whether your insurance will cover the loss. I fear it will not; but I have requested Mr. Hagarly to have due proof of it, in proper form, made. As I know not when the insurance was effected, I have not decided when the proof is to be sent. If he does not know he will await your orders on that point. Should the loss fall on you, I hope the \$1500 which I am to receive from Dr. White for Don Manuel will, with the surviving Linnæus, indemnify you. If you are not deceived as to the superiority of the Poitou Apes, it would be very desirable to get two or three of the Jacks of a large size of that race; but they ought to be shipped at a good season and in careful hands. Can you make any arrangement to get them?

I have late letters from home, and all were well at Cobland. Your woman Harriet had lost her child.

Hemp continues high. It was selling for ten dollars. I have not been informed whether they have been able to have your ground again put in Hemp, but I hope and suppose it will be done. Thomas was busily at work on the Hogan farm, and I trust