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Sir,

I have just received from an American gentleman in Cadix a small quantity of Spanish seed wheat of a very superior kind, accompanied with a request that it may be distributed amongst such of our agriculturists as interest themselves in improving the grain of our country. — As your retirement from public life will soon enable you to pay you wonted attention to agricultural pursuits I have presumed a portion of this grain might not be unacceptable and have therefore kept in reserve for you a few Quarts which shall be forwarded to you by any conveyance you will be pleased to direct in. The quantity intended for your use is considerably reduced consequence of numerous applications & I must wish to

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be distributed

in order that

... may be aware ...  
If however  
you think the season has advanced too far or for other  
reasons deem the experiment not worth the trouble I  
hope the motive which urges me to this offer, will plead  
my apology for the liberty I have taken  
with the highest respect and esteem

I have the honor to be sir  
Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

A R Lawrence

Thomas Jefferson Esquire  
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