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Monticello, Dec. 6. 25

On turning to your subscription files you will find that my letter in answer to the application to me to become a subscriber stated that I would subscribe for one year as an encouragement at its first commencement, but that it was to be discontinued at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year without further notice, for the reason that I allowed myself to read but a single paper, which was that to which I had been a subscriber for 20. or 30. years - yet your papers continues to come to me, and fearing you may consider me a subscriber still, I beg leave to call your attention to ~~my~~ <sup>the</sup> original condition of my engagement. if it is sent as a compliment to me, I thank you for it, but continuing my resolution of reading only one paper, it's coming answers no end as I assure you that I never look int. it, and therefore wish to spare you a trouble which is no gratification to me. The merit of the paper does not enter into consideration with me at all. my sole reason is that I prefer Horace and Tacitus to the reading the same thing 20 times over in as many different papers. I pray you to accept the assurance of my great respect & esteem

Th: Jefferson



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