

1808
July 15

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I have the honor to send you the Louisiana Annuary edited by me - I wish it may please you. I have indeavoured to rewrite in this Ephemerian work all that could give an idea of the territory of Orleans - I have particularly tried to give a full account of its climate and of diseases peculiar to it - you will find in the preambule, numerous daily observations made by me. Which being in an interrupted series, will, I think, contribute to fix your opinion upon the Country. Natural philosophy, Geography, Astronomy and natural history divide my Leisure, and could I, in some of these branches, be of my advantage to you, you may dispose of my portfolio, which is, I presume, as complete as any, in what relates here to those Sciences. - it contains nearly 400 individuals drawn after nature, by myself. as, amongst your public occupations you spare moments to cultivate Sciences and arts; your correspondences would be very precious to me

Receive the marks of esteem and consideration due to a distinguished philosopher and learned administrator.

Your most obedient and
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The 16th July 1808.

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