

My dear Anne

Washington Nov. 1. 07.

I wish to learn from you how the Tuberoses do, & particularly to have a list from you of the roots & seeds you have saved that I may know what supplies to ask from Mr. Mahon for the next spring. When Davy comes I shall send some Alpine strawberry roots, and some tufts of a grass, of a perfume equal to Vanilla, called the Sweet-scented Vernal grass, or *Anthoxanthum odoratum*. These I must consign to your care till the spring. I expect a pair of wildgeese of a family which have been natives for several generations. but they will hardly be here in time for Davy. They are entirely domesticated, beautiful, have a very musical note, & are much superior to the tame for the table. I have received from Capt Pike a pair of bristly bears brought from the head of the Arkansa. These are too dangerous & troublesome for me to keep. I shall therefore send them to Peale's Museum. We have nothing new here except a new impropagation of Influenza by the Western & Southern members who take it on the road & bring it on. I am anxious to hear that you are all recovered from it. convey my warm affections to your papa, mama, & the family & be assured of them yourself.

Th. Jefferson



Randolph Anne C. Nov. 1. 07.

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