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Sir

Monticello Dec. 25. 19.

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> is received; but so illustrated is my health that I am not able to comply with your request on the subject of Political economy. indeed my Physician interdicts me the writing table altogether. I am obliged therefore to abandon all correspondence. I may however briefly say that Tracy's book on that subject, published by Millexan at Washington a year or two ago is the best and soundest ever yet published. Say's is a most excellent work also, but never yet I believe translated into English, that nation continuing, as you observe, their partiality to Adam Smith. with this apology be pleased to accept my respectful salutations.

Mr. William E. Richmond.

J. Jefferson



Richmond William E. Dec. 25. 19.

Montpelier Dec. 22. 19.

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to obtain it. It is his opinion he should be pleased to receive  
perfect satisfaction.



The Hon. Sec.

Thomas Jefferson

Monticello

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