

21.5 Oct. 1812
Sir

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Monticello Jan. 2. 12.

Your favor of Dec. 2. has been duly received, & with it your addresses to the Tammany & Philermenian societies. in the former I find all the sentiments of republican patriotism which distinguish every branch of the Tammany societies, and on which depend all the hopes of man of seeing one good government at least exist on the earth. I will add on the subject of the poem that if Homer & Virgil had employed their sublime geniusses in the cultivation of that spirit of peace & philanthropy which has inspired your muse I verily believe there would have been less of war & bloodshed in the world, and Plato would probably not have proposed to exclude Poets from his republic for these pamphlets as well as for the very obliging expressions of your letter towards myself personally, accept my thanks and the assurance of great respect & esteem.

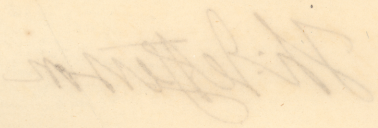
Mr. John Pitman junr.
Providence.

J. Jefferson

Pitman John. Jan. 2. 12.

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Your favor of Dec. 2. has been duly received, & I am glad
 to know that the Laboratory & Pitmanian courses, in the former
 of which all the experiments of phonetic transcription which I have
 sent you, are of the Laboratory course, and on which I have
 all the papers of men of every age & government at least
 exist on the earth. I will not on the subject of the paper that
 of them I will not have to say more. I believe however in the
 utility of that spirit of inquiry & of the Laboratory which has
 inspired you, & which I believe there would have been
 less of were I dissatisfied in the world, and that would probably
 not have proceeded to exclude facts from the Republic for
 their purpose as well as for the very obvious expression of
 your letter for which I am very gratefully, accept my thanks
 and the assurance of great respect & esteem.



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