

Mess^{rs} A. & J. W. Pickett.

Monticello Apr. 10. 18.

Your favor of Mar. 29. is received with the first numbers of the Academician. at an earlier period of life I befriended with zeal all new publications which promised utility, as yours does, but age now admonishes me to wind up old concerns and to embark in no new ones. scarcely a week passes without reviewing some ~~new~~ proposition for a new publication, but the desire of rest & tranquility is irresistible at my time of life and must excuse my declining the subscription for your publication, as I do as to all others. I tender my best wishes for it's success with the assurance to yourselves of my great respect.

Th. Jefferson

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Prof. A. & J. W. Picket

Your favor of Mar. 23 is received with thanks
 in relation of the book. It is an excellent piece of
 literature, and I feel all the more gratified that
 you have written it. I have no objection to its
 being published, and I am sure it will be
 a great success. I have no objection to its
 being published, but the desire of not
 publishing it at my time of life and
 the subscription for your publication, as I do not
 think my best interests are in the
 publication of my work.



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