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The particular attention your Excellency
pays to the interest of America persuades us that
much will have been given to the principal Branch
of its Commerce that of Tobacco, which at the present
moment, all concern'd therein seem in expectation to
know the resolves for what the Farm Gen^l may
have occasion for next year.

Although we have intimation that the Gov
ters in the receiving ports will have orders to receive
in February next on the lowest terms they can pur-
chase we presume your Excellency may know more
of its intent and could make us such observations on
that subject as might be for the interest of our
American friends which is the sole Motive for requir-
ing such ~~an~~ information as you shall deem well
answer that purpose. until we are honour'd with
your Opinion we shall keep up the prices of the Ho
we have in store, in the hopes that some advantage
will result from it.

Since the last Spring the Farms have
received

received Tobacco that were wanted for, except
when it could be obtained under the regulated prices
but as it can never be our interest to lessen them we
endeavour to favour all that militates with that
Design. We cannot but think fixed prices
provided proper ones are allowed must be in favour
of the Seller who has also the liberty of holding in
reserve such Tobacos as will command a higher price
with another purchaser, for under the three Qualities
the farm receives much inferior sorts finds a kind
there which could not be placed any where else
with so much Advantage to the owner the Differ-
ence in price allowed for it bearing no proportion to
the Quality, this is an uncontrollable fact

From the Assurances that have been
given that no further Contract should be allowed
of it cannot be surmised any renewal of that with
M^r Morris or any other will have place too much
as been said on the Advantage of leaving the Supplies
of the Farm open to every one to need any further
Comment. We rely much on your doing every
thing possible therein that can lead to the benefit of
Our

friend of America and remain most
respectfully

Your Obedience's
Most Obedt^h Humble Servant
Sancho Garcia

Paris 28th Dec^r 1794

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The Hon^{ble} Thomas Jefferson Esq^r
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