

East Hampton

August 26. 1846

My Dear Sir,

Your basket of fruit reached us in safety and afforded a bon gouche. and as one good turn of luck is quite apt to be followed by another, so was it in our case, for in ten minutes after the arrival of your basket Mr. Conger, who leaves to day on his return to Grassy Point, sent us a present of some cantaloups which however I fear are destined to be handed over to the servants, as they are too indigestible to render them suitable either to Julia, Alice or myself - We have scarcely been able to leave the House since I last wrote you in consequence of a continuous rain and mist which has prevailed for some days - The sun once more designs to break in upon us, and we have passed at once in our climate from the Poles to the Equator - A few evenings since our whole party rode to Georges Pond, and I carried a rake in pursuit of soft crabs - But the sportsmen had caused a canal to be opened to the sea which had laid bare my fishing ground and thus denied me all success - In returning the horses made a furious start and had commenced a run, but I snatched the reins from the hands of John, and checked them in their fury - This you will say was against all law, and so said John

but I looked at him, and perceiving no colour in his face, and that he had for the moment lost all his courage, I taunted him with it. His only reply was "by Jarnus Sir, it was worse than any thing they have ever done." However they came on after wards very gently - and we shall very soon take out our accustomed ride again - that is, as soon as the weather will permit. Julia improves daily and the boy grows apace - She desires that you will go to the Ladies Repository and enquire what they will charge by the yard, for embroidering with silk on Marino, covering a space of three inches all around - Such a request would be wholly unjustifiable if it were not to be plac'd on the ground of future usefulness to yourself by bringing you acquainted with matters which at no distant day you may have to execute for your own Mrs D. L. Gardiner -

All unite in respects, in which no one is more sincere than

Yours truly & faithfully

John Tyler

Col. D. L. Gardiner

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