

My Dear Thomas

I received today your letter of the 4th. I am perfectly satisfied with the Sale of our Hemp made by you and Mr. Headley, and I think it better be delivered as fast as gotten out.

I sent yesterday the imported Sack ^{"Delaware"} to Kentucky where he ought to arrive about the 25th inst. If Don Manuel is sold May^r Smith is to keep Delaware, who I understand is in fine condition. I have written to him; and if the Don is not sold, May^r Smith is to take him and keep him; and Delaware will in that case remain at Ashland; but if you can get \$15.00 for him he may be sold.

About the time this letter reaches you, I expect six Maltese Apes (three Sacks and three Sannetts) will arrive at Ashland from N. Orleans, the property of R. D. Shepherd Esq., consigned to me; and I now give directions about them.

One of the three Sacks is four years old this Spring, and I am informed, he is 4 feet 11 inches high. Another is three years old, four feet nine inches high, and the youngest is two years old four feet ^{eight} inches high. I fear there is some inaccuracy in the measurement. And immediately on their arrival I wish you, May^r Smith and Mr. Headley accurately to measure them, and also the Sannetts, and send me their heights and your opinion of them.

I wish the best of the three Sacks reserved for my, and the other two sold, provided you can get \$2000 a piece for them, or as much more as you can. The three Sannetts I wish put to the best of the Sacks as they come in Season. They may run and be fed with my Sannetts, and as they have been so long at Sea it will be desirable for them to run on a Rye pasture, as soon as it is in a condition to be grazed.

As to the Sacks, I think it would be best to keep them at Ashland, if it can be done with convenience, until they are otherwise