

New Market Shenandoah County Virginia July 5<sup>th</sup> 1817

Respected Friend Thomas Jefferson

By Mr Thomas Tausy I send you a glass tumbler full of Honey which I obtained from my Bees according to the Plan laid down by Mr Morgan of Pinns Town of New Jersey. Finding the Methode so pleasing a one I thought it my duty to publish the success I have had with it which I did as you will find in the Gazette printed at Winchester accompanying this glass out of that publication you will find how I have managed the Boxes &c. Knowing you to be a Friend to all usefull improvements and Scients I have (by the request of Mr Tausy) taken the Liberty to send you a present as above in hopes you will communicate the Improvement to your Neighbours (If you think it worthy of communicating it). Should you have discovered a better Plan then this or some additional Improvements I would receive them with Pleasure as some Gentlemen have requested me to have handbills struck which will give a full account of the Management of Bees which I could have done at my printing office.

I remain your humble Servant

Solomon Henkel

Hershel Solomon. Newmarket, Shenandoah

July 5. 17.

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