Madam

Monticello, Dec. 16, 15

I was unfortunately from home when you were to kind as to send information of your having cider to spare. I returned yesterday only, and now send the bearer to ask the favor of some samples of your best casks of cider. He carries 6 pipes with numbers on their casks, and if you will be so good as to give a sample from each good cask, and number the cask corresponding with the number on the vial into which it, sample, is put, I can choose with certainty that I prefer. If your cider is as good as what I had before, I shall willingly take two or three hundred gallons. The quantity will depend on the quality. I am, Madam,
your most obed. servt.

Thomas Jefferson

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