Dear Madam

Monticello Dec. 25. 13.

The news of the embargo reached me yesterday; this rendering the hope of getting money for our crop more than doubtful, makes it necessary to avoid new money engagements. I am therefore obliged to decline taking the case of your good old country which you were so kind as to offer. The same circumstance affects deeply the question on which you consulted me, whether you ought to take 3/4 for your wheat. I am really not now able to give an opinion. I will take the liberty of appointing sending for some barrels of apples, and if a basket of them can now be sent by the bearer they will be acceptable as accommodated to the season of mince-pies. Accept the assurance of my friendship and respect.

Mrs. Lewis

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