

Bordeaux Sept 17th 1825

Dear Father

I send today by the ship Justina the Spanish ass Don Manuel. Mr Haggerty in New York will have him put upon grass until he can hear from you. I have written to him to draw upon you for the expenses of transportation. The Capt. carries him for \$50 & funding every thing. The Captains bill and the charges in New York and on the way, ^{to the} will be all that are to be paid. May I beg that you will meet this bill and that you will write to James Haggerty of New York, whom you know, such directions as will be proper. The ass has been rode and he is as gentle as a dog, so that a small boy might ride him. He is a very fine ass about 13 1/2 hands and half an inch or one inch high. I am induced to send him because the Justina is a large packet and the only fine one in port. I shall go in a few days to the Hauts Pyrennes department where I hope to procure some good Spanish asses. There is a mistake about them in America. The few I have seen are very handsome.

The expenses of purchasing, putting him on board, food, frame work on the ship &c will amount to about \$100. The rest you will know. I wish him sold as soon as possible.