

THE HONORABLE

Henry Clay

Senator of the Kentucky

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My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your fav of 5 but it was not my wish or intention that any alteration should take place in the term of five years. I thought you did not receive an equivalent in the addition of two years, for the beefs not having, or being heavy in calf as was Mr. Ridgley when he used them. I therefore proposed & thought of no other change in the contract, than that they should be charged with a fair proportion of the cost of driving them out to Kentucky, having an other charge in the agreement as therein written - I shall prefer by your advice in future impurities, and should any thing come worthy of being sent to Kentucky, no disposition shall be made of them until I know your wishes - I show a letter from the Capt of my Ship *Venice* of 24 Oct from Puerto he was on the point of sailing for Chesapeake had received my instructions and would stop at Malta and do his best to get the *Apes* agreeably to my order. Mr Gilman is or was or was in his day about the Black hawk family, before being I think he will become more known - Mr Skelton says the *Open* Boats will be sent by the Coy this evening

Yours truly
 R. D. Shepherd

The Hon
 Henry Clay