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is advanced again to 54 & 56 the Crop yields much short of
Expectation, wch with the purchases made to replenish the Public
Granaries in the different towns which were all Empty, and also
by private people on Speculation, has occasioned prices to
rise sooner than we expected, they will go higher if not Checked
by large foreign supplies, and it being uncertain in what quantity
these may come till we learn with more precision the Issue
of the Crops in Italy and Sicily, there is no saying the prices wch
Your american produce may Command here, we think it
however beyond a doubt that both your Wheat and Flour will
meet sale during the Winter & Spring and we think the former
may be expected to yield about 40 sou a little more or less, and
latterly from 38 to 40 they have renewed again the duty upon what
is land to be reshipped for the Havana &c. which is an unfavourable
Circumstance and shows how little we can depend upon any
thing here, a Considerable quantity of Wheat has been
Imported at Malaga and more is Expected from Holland
for the Kings account for which about 180000 Jameques
are also Contracted for in Barbary, this last Engagement
we think will have a bad tendency [illegible] have been impolitical
as it will be a means of Supplies from thence Coming out dearer
and in less quantity than if the Kings agents had not interfered,
but left the Traders to make Engagements that way —

as any Material novelty may Occur we Shall
Acquaint you therewith Meanwhile

I am your most obt Sr
Buff & Welch.