from which, I intend to extend the sex of the flock, (and) my object in procuring a few of the Smith down, is to keep the stock — The Buck (and) ewes should be, I suppose, about 2 years, each, old in the spring — Having been thus particular, my dear sir, relative to the short — let me know, (and) congratulate you on your safe return to your native country — (And) sincerely hope, with the same feeling of attachment, you possessed at the period of your departure — Not withstanding, the degraded, wicked (and) disgraceful policy of our rulers — God grant us a speedy release from this corrupt (and) destructive course — How were you pleased, as a farmer with the agriculture of those countries you visited? Are we greatly behind hand? our product pr. Acre strike lap? (and) Can you suggest to an old farmer any useful hints — Do they graze extensively their farms, (I presume tobacco growing is the chief object)? what stock is generally preferred — (and) of Cattle & sheep, what kind generally considered the most valuable — I am crossing the Durham with the Devon — I have a very fine Devon Cow, told some years past by Abey Thomas Esq. of Baltimore — I am within 12 or 14 miles of Mr. Shepherd of Virginia who has the stock imported last winter by his Brother, of Baltimore, Moses Shepherd, which stock was considered the most improved (and) of which Mr. Clay made a considerable purchase.