

was induced to hope that the parent
stock might exhibit the lines of
that Lam, at Blakford. You told me
to go by, with the size, a "vine qua non",
in a Jack - I was mistaken, the two I
had bought in from the country were
much wider - In Spain, at Cadiz,
Malaga, & other ports we have visited
this summer, I ascertained that the best
Jacks were raised in the interior dis-
tricts, far out of my reach - At Palma,
island of Majorca, when we made a short
stay, I was to have looked at a Jack
for \$600. Said to measure over 15 hands;
but my time was too limited to make
the journey of ten hours into the country,
when he was at the Jacks of this island.
An elderly, I have bought in the truck
market, when there is great demand for
them, almost fabulous prices, I see & two
thousand dollars - In the adjoining island of
Minorca, at Port Mahon, formerly our
headquarters & depot of stores & provisions,
I succeeded in buying one, & tho' he is not
as high as I could have wished, yet he
is very handsome, well formed, strong & per-
fectly made, & being only three years old

the 25th of last May, may normally be
expected to grow several inches at least -
There was but one opinion by all the
officers who saw him, that he was a remark-
ably fine animal; moreover, I got him
cheap, for \$200, which of course we don't
care to have known, as with many people
in this world, the price of an article is its
value - I had no idea that a good Jack
was to be had in Minorca, but a friend of
mine conversing on the subject with an old
acquaintance, was told of this young Jack,
that he was the offspring of Malta stock
introduced by an officer in the Navy, in the
time when we could take a Jack home in a
repeal of war - in that, the description was
so favorable, that I had him bought in expec-
ting from what I had been told, & the ignorance
of the people in the value of such stock,
that he could be bought for 100 or \$150 at
the outside, instead of which the old farmer
held out for \$450. That of course stopped all
proceedings for the time - He, the farmer, soon he
would not abate one cent, & I in turn declared
I would not give the half of it. This matter
stood for several days, when another 50 closed
the bargain, & "Stromboli", so I have called him