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My Dear Sir,

The recollection of the delicious flavour of those "Maryland Hams" which helped to make us so happy during the session at your house in February still remains; & I am driven to ask you whether any such are prepared for the market either in Baltimore or your own neighbourhood? It would delight me to obtain a Barrell of them, if you can inform me to whom I can send an order you will confer a very great favour. Our yankees do not understand the curing art & mystery which brings your Hams to such perfection, & indeed in comparison ours are worthless.

I think that you will excuse this

Hon
George Stakemen
Augusta Ga
Aug 16 1851

Answered Oct. 2.
"Yet the old hacadem
the cheese & olives &
the Bottle of Champagne
& the conversation
have vanished 155 lb
to the forwarding & the
overpaid charges
but in spite of
such discouragements
I shall direct those
hams to reach you
before every week is
out."

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