

Dear Sir

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You remember how anxious I was, when with you at
Marseilles, to get the admirable olive of your canton trans-
ferred to my own country, and how much trouble you were
so kind as to take to effect it. it did not happen that any one
of those among whom the plants were distributed took up the
plan with the enthusiasm necessary to give it success, and it has
failed. Mr. John Couper of St. Simon's island in Georgia now pro-
poses to undertake it; it being led to it by inclination, and a
gentleman of property, in the most favorable situation, he will
give the culture a fair trial, and I trust it's favorable issue is
beyond a doubt. he has been informed of the superior excellence
of the olive of Marseilles, and knowing your friendly disposition
to our country I have taken the liberty of advising him to address
himself to you to put his commission into faithful & careful hands
I ask the favor of you to give such aid to his operations as you
can with convenience, and will deem it a great personal obliga-
tion rendered myself. Accept for yourself & your respectable
family my friendly salutations and assurances of great esteem
and consideration.

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