

Salem, August 27. 1834.

Dear Sir,

Your letter by Mr John Adams was duly received, and should have been answered before this time, but Mr A's contemplated return to Maryland, was delayed in consequence of his attendance upon a sick relative, who lay a long time ill, and at last died - I thank you kindly for the invitation of a visit from Mrs Johnson and myself to your family. It would afford me great pleasure to see your part of the country once more, but the continued indisposition of my wife and my own precarious health, forbids us at present from leaving home. The offer of a Bakewell Buck as a present is exceedingly generous in you, and I know not how to make you suitable acknowledgements for such kindness. I have consented that my Son should go with Mr Adams to purchase about fifty Head of Sheep principally for fattening, and would wish to get a few good Bucks of the Bakewell breed, full blood, if they could ~~not~~ be obtained; ^{or if not} some of $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$'s would answer.

The South Downs I procured from you, I do not think ^{are} to be compared with the Bakewells. They are very wild, and what was mortifying to Mr Adams as well as disappointing to myself, the supposed Ram proved a Wether. The mistake no doubt occurred through the Servants in catching the Sheep to put them in the waggon. I sold him with my other Wethers for \$3.00. I would rather have a Bakewell Buck, & pay the difference in price.

My Son being young, it is my wish he should pursue Agriculture, and I recommended him to get a few Sheep to begin with, that he may employ his time therewith. Be so good as to recommend him to Mr Adams to such Farmers as you may suppose had Sheep to sell.