

Dear Sir

Lanaster June 7. 1772  
Sunday night

my attendance; but Mr Woodhul preached here to day, and I gave  
in the afternoon, drank Tea with them at Mr Yeater's, after which  
I brought the Company into my close Parlour (Noddy Physick  
making <sup>one</sup> of the Number) where I entertained them with a glass of  
my quince wines, which they greatly admired; but before dinner  
I sent the Judges a handsome plate of my garden common pine  
berries in great perfection, being all that were ripe, but by to morrow  
evening, I expect to gather at least a quart. I took notice  
that my plant boys begin to put on their red caps, so that I expect  
great plenty of this sort very soon: they last long. My white ones  
will be ripe in about six days; but my Chili's were almost  
destroyed by the several deep Snows. Neither did my <sup>the</sup> Tulips  
cut quite so fine a figure this Spring as they did last, for the  
same reason; but I think if please God I live another Year,  
I can produce that still. I also sowed a little before Sun set  
that I have <sup>lot</sup> two rows of Peas grow too old forward of picking  
3 days ago: this was owing to my stinks being so much taken  
up with the Judges &c, but I comfort ~~for~~ my self that I have  
a prospect of getting a fine mess of young fruit in two or three  
days time, enough for Mr. Yeater and my self, and others. I

Jammy Road

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just now was favoured with your kind Letter by Mr<sup>r</sup> Fricker, the  
being in my yard I might find her.

I am highly pleased with the Account you are pleased to give  
of the production of your fine Garden, and the more so, because  
it gives you so much delight. I have eight hills of Lima beans  
well stuck, & beans in some hills. I did not know before you inform  
me of it, they were of a slow growth; how ever my Carolina  
will come to maturity much sooner, which will make a mowd.

Judge Creeting assures me that he has not changed his method  
these ten years, and that he sows them always on the same beds,  
and they never dwindle in the least away. his method in raising  
the seed, is to keep 6 or 8 rows by themselves, & when they become  
dry to pluck & sort of them to be kept for use. I have  
only time tonight, to tell you that dwarf kidney beans are in a  
very promising way. Please to accept of Mrs Shippens very kind  
regards to your self Lady & Miss. I shall endeavour to  
persuade Mrs Shippens to take your advice about Valerian

I am Dear Sir

The Judges are to set off  
for home next Tuesday morning  
I write to your self & Noddy Bure  
(to whom please to remember my love)  
by Mr Biddle

Your affectionate &  
Serving Friend  
Wm Shippens

To  
James Read Esquire  
Protonotary  
Reading  
In favour of  
Mrs. G. Hildward

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