Sir,

I have duly received your favor of July 15th, with it the Almanac of Orleans which you were so kind as to send me, and for which I present you my thanks. We have on this side of our country no Almanac so scientific. The equation of time, places of the sun & planets would make it quite a Connaissance des temps. In describing the bounds of the territory of Orleans, I should expect them to be under the charter of Lewis the XIV and the act of Congress the Rio del Norte on the West, the 38° degree of Lat. on the North, and the Perdido on the East, although pending the negotiations with Spain, jurisdiction is exercised only from the Sabine to the Iberville & Lakes Maurepas & Pontchartrain. I feel much indebted for the offer of your valuable observations on the country you inhabit, should I, on my retirement, engage in anything analogous to them, I will certainly avail myself of the kind permission you give me to address enquiries to you. I pray you to accept my salutations & the assurances of my esteem & respect.

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