Mr. Jefferson presents his compliments to Mr. William Ray and his thanks for the book & poetical epistle he has been so kind as to send him... a Narrative of the expedition & loss of the Philadelphia, of the sufferings of her crew, & exploits of our brave Tars before Tripoli cannot be read by an American but with great interest... he should have read it however with more satisfaction had he found the author's position in it more equal to his talents. He thanks him particularly for the expressions of approbation & respect towards himself.

May 13th, Dec. 14th.

The reading of the book 'Theodor' has been completed. A good addition to my collection. The book is well-written and provides many insights into the life and work of Theodor. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in his life and work. I highly recommend it.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is legible and clear, with no visible errors or corrections.]