

Private

Dear Sir,

I have lately had sent to me, from the first Botanic Garden established in the United States, a collection of the seeds of all their shrubs, & herbaceous plants. They have been presented ~~to me~~ by Major Robert Carr, late of the U. S. Army, the present possessor of "Bartram's Garden" near Philadelphia, which takes their name, from the founder of them a century ago. The founder has my intention, when I shall have distributed some of these seeds among my friends, to present the residue to the Botanic Institution of this city. The box containing them with a catalogue of them, I propose to

send to your house, that you may  
select any kinds ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> you may  
desire; and I mean to buy the favor  
of you, afterwards, to direct them  
to the proper officers, to take charge  
of them, for the use of the Botanical  
Garden, at this place

Yours Very Respectfully

A. Rodney  
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