

Brandywine Mills, Del State

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Philip Schuyler Esq

Respected Friend

I have been referred to thee
by the friend of D Tomlinson Esq for information
respecting his patent Machine for cleaning
wheat, that which promises to be most useful
here is the one for taking out farlick, is this
machine in operation in thy Mills, what
number of fivers of farlick are usual in
a handful of your wheat, ^{what} ~~to~~ ^{proportion}
of these is taken out by the machine, &
how many bushels of wheat will it clean
in an hour —

The name of Schuyler is a sufficient
guarantee that I shall not be deemed
intruding, when the object is the introduction
of improvements in our common Country —

Since the obstructions to commerce, we
have a short supply of Burs for Millstones
this makes it necessary to find out what
our Country affords, at this place we manu-
facture a large portion of Corn meal for
exportation, what Stones are used with you
for grinding of Indian Corn, what number
of bushels will they grind at one dressing
where can they be had, we have seen none
in these parts from our own Quarries that
are sufficiently hard & porous, lately indeed
a Quarry has been discovered to the South
ward, I believe in Georgia, that promises
to be useful for very much like the French
Burr in appearance, they will soon be
put to the test of experiment

I am with sentiments
of respect thy friend
Thomas Lee

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