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My dear Ned

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The following information I think may be of some worth to you in N.B. — A farmer from somewhere about Bristol some time last Year gave notice to all the farmers in E. Brittain & Ireland that he had discovered a Ferment (as he called it) a few bushels of wch would most effectually manure an acre of Land & would produce a most exuberant Crop — I was told by a Gentleman who saw them of some Oaks the produce of this new manure of a most extraordinary size — What this ferment was he did not explain to the public at that time — But I have since been informed it is nothing more than the Lime of the Plaster of Paris reduced in it's unslaked State to a perfect powder by either Grinding or pounding & yⁿ. streued over the Land in the Broad Cast way about 6 bushells to y^e Acre — & I suppose must be then ploughed in — Whether it would be best to mix this powder with some fine mould before Streuing it on the Land I dont know — Experiment will readily decide that —

I had seen before I had this information an acc^t. from America of the beneficial effects of manuring wth plaister of Paris pulverized as experienced in some parts of Pennsylvania — It would produce 2 tons good English hay & more from the most miserable Land I think will be worth making the experiment &

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