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Letter from H.S. Geyer to George Sibley, March 11, 1837

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Chrystal Springs, 11 Mch, 1837.

Dr Sir.

You will find accompanying this, grafts of three kinds of apples1- The early summer red the best as well as the best looking summer apple I ever saw they were especially brought from Georgia by Mr Hart now decd- they are the same apples which sold last summer on the St.

Louis market at 50c. 37½- & 25 cents per doz according to size- The widow of Mr. Hart was not able to tell me any name for them, and I propose to call them "Red Hart". They are now commonly called June apple, though in this climate they are not ripe generally until July-besides there are so many varieties of June apples, that the name does not distinguish this from any other summer apple- 2. A Yellow June apple (Sweet) of which I know nothing except that it is highly recommended by Mrs. Hart- 3d A Horse Apple selected by Mr. Russel, ripens in August or Sept and believed to be desireable as a succession to the summer apples-

I promised Mr. Bates of New Trial, some of the "Red Hart" and shall refer him to you to get a few --(?) of what I sent you- And note As I am not skilled in grafting and may fail here I claim a few of the trees which you & Bates may succeed in grafting- I shall want perhaps 3 of each-

"Pryors Red" I was to have gotten for you when returning from Jefferson this spring, but as I did not go there, of course I shall not get them thence but Mr. Mark Sappington (from whom I purchased 2 barrels last fall & have as yet) promised to furnish me some grafts, I may also get some from Colliers Place- & will forwd what I get

Yours

H. S. Geyer

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