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Sir

A Number of Citizens of Montreal have lately formed a Society, having for its aim the Improvement of Agriculture in this District. It would be as lengthy as it is unnecessary, to enter into detail to demonstrate a truth so universally felt & acknowledged, that it is advantageous to encourage this the most useful of all arts. Notwithstanding the progress which this science has of late years made among us, it may still be materially improved, & this consideration alone should induce a disposition to increase the happiness enjoyed by the Husbandman in Canada. In fact, if it is considered that he is almost always the owner & Cultivator of a soil generally fertile — that he has a sure market for the produce of his labour — that he has been called upon to contribute to the public wants in a much smaller ratio than the husbandman of any other civilized State — we can judge how strong must be his motives of Emulation; & we have the well founded hope, that the efforts of the Agricultural Society in this Country will produce the same advantages which similar institutions have produced elsewhere.

To discover & conquer the obstacles which have hitherto prevented & retarded the more rapid progress of the science of Agriculture among us, is the object of the Society of which you are invited to become a member.

The advantages which the Association expect to derive from your pursuits in life, & from your residing among the Farmers, have induced the Committee to transmit you a Copy of its Rules & Regulations, & in the hope that you will become one of its members; that

that ~~if~~ your desire of promoting the public good will induce you to second the beneficent intentions which actuate it; that you will use your influence among those whose means enable them to contribute to its aid; that you will assist it with your knowledge; that you will transmit your observations on the state of Agriculture in your neighbourhood; & that you would suggest whenever you think fit, your opinion of the best means of promoting the Agricultural prosperity of the Colony.

Any Communication which you may think proper to make to the Secretary of the Society, will be thankfully received.

By order of the Committee,

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Secretary

Montreal, January 13th ~~1818~~
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