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Voilà Monieur le petit ouvrage
dont il fut question j'en ay desja
fait imprimer un au Lezave
en 1454 on vouloit reimpri-
mer Mais comme je sentis que j'avois
bien du Chou a y ajouter Je me suis
occupé a la reimpression et j'ay fait
un nouvel ouvrage dans le quel j'ay
compris ce qui a été decouvert sur
cette plante depuis la premiere édition
principalement la decouverte que
M. Dambournay a fait par la quelle
il prouve quil y a un Grand avantage

a employer la Garance avec te. Je vous
puis expedier le rapport le plus
que vous le pouvez sans vous Genner

Jay l'honneur d'etre avec toute l'estime
possible

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Le feneidy
au fentier de
l'Academie

Je salue tout humble et
tout obissant serviteur
Dufamel du Manecan