

NOTE.

IN communicating the manuscript of this article, comprising the epistolary correspondence of Linnæus with his great-uncle, Bernard de Jussieu, the Editor requested that the proofs should be remitted to Paris for his revision, in order that they might be collated with the original documents, so as to insure the entire accuracy of the transcript. The lamented death of our distinguished Foreign Associate, which occurred about the time that the article was consigned to the printer, has prevented this intention from being carried out. All that could be done, therefore, was sedulously to follow the manuscript, prepared with M. de Jussieu's accustomed neatness and care. The few conjectural emendations that have been suggested are in all cases inclosed in brackets.

The annotations and remarks of the Editor possess the melancholy interest of having been probably the last scientific production of the last of the Jussieus.

ADRIEN DE JUSSIEU, the grand-nephew of Bernard, the only son of Antoine Laurent de Jussieu (author of the *Genera Plantarum secundum Ordines Naturales disposita*), himself a botanist worthy of such a lineage, — a man admired and beloved by all who knew him, — died, without male heirs, on the 29th of June, 1853, aged fifty-six years; thus closing a line illustrious without a parallel in Botany for nearly a century and a half.

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