

do now in three years. If only he could get some subvention!! He would like to go to India afterwards. He hopes that he will have LINNÆUS'S answers about his plants at his return, through the agency of Mr. KIRSTEN. It is impossible now to send his notes and plants, but they will be forwarded through Dr. THUNBERG'S intermediary.—The Cape is a place for botanists now. All people who pass, purchase plant collections here. Gardeners from many parts have gathered here, it almost looks as if every botanist in Europe had his special representative and correspondent here at the Cape. The members of the Government have their own agents for collecting plants in order to make gifts to important people. A captain or Supercargo can buy in a moment what another person would take half a year to get, etc.—SPARRMAN has sent some descriptions of plants to the Royal Society in order to become known to them.

SEVENTH LETTER.

Cap. B. Sp. 1775, Apr. 26.

At his return to the Cape a month ago he wrote with a Dutch ship. The seeds mentioned in that letter (literally: at that time—transl.) will be forwarded by Captain EKEBERG and the Academy of Science. A sort of bean from Madagascar has been sent through the agency of Director MALM at Gothenburg. SPARRMAN will stay at his own expense for one year in order to be cured from rheumatism in his hands. After this he writes: "We followed your principles at our work, and we often drank your health in the Arctic Zone"⁷⁶,—If you had favoured me with the title of M.D.⁷⁷, it would have been a good help. But now I missed the opportunity of getting a beautiful collection from Madagascar, and possibly even one from Manilla. Since Mr. Forster intends to send you plants himself from London, I am bound not to give you what I have got here. It is a pity that Dr. Thunberg has left. He could have given me good advice. In case you have any wishes, please write through the intermediary of Dr. Montin who will send the letter by way of Holland."

The above letter is the last one addressed to LINNÆUS.

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⁷⁶ An inaccuracy of SPARRMAN'S! Read: . . . the Antarctic Zone.

⁷⁷ About 7½ months later the degree he fancied so much was bestowed on him by the University of Upsala (see Introduction.)

⁷⁸ Royal Secretary and Chevalier PEHR WARGENTIN is known as the author of a paper on the irregularities which the moons of the planet Jupiter produce in each other's motion through their mutual attractive forces, published in *K. Vetenskaps-akademiens Handlingar* (Transactions of the R. Acad. of Science), 1748.