

Carolina, to Dr. Garden ; but am in hopes the gum arabick will preserve seeds from the most distant places, provided that when the seeds are enveloped in it, it is soon dried, and after placed in jars in the coolest part of the ship.

I hear your pupil Mr. Solander intends to come to England. Pray desire him to study English immediately, and in a month after he comes here; he will speak it fluently. I should be very glad to do him any services that lay in my power, as I find you have a great esteem for him.

I am, dear Sir, most truly your affectionate friend,

JOHN ELLIS.

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LINNÆUS TO ELLIS. (Latin.)

Upsal, Dec. 8, 1758.

I received with the greatest pleasure your very friendly letter of the 24th of Oct. abounding, as usual, with valuable information on the wonders of Nature, which you are favoured, more than any other person of the present day, with the means of explaining, and thus of laying open what has hitherto been a secret to the learned world.

Your excellent plate of *Lepadæ* is hung up in my room, that I may daily contemplate it; for though I am continually learning something, it does but whet my appetite to know more.

Fig. 1, is truly a wonderful animal, of which I never before met with a delineation from the life.