

tunity even though the season be bad ; and I thought proper to inform you, particularly, as you have mentioned your insuring of them, though I imagine there will be no great danger, as the same ship of war conducts these ships home, as came out with them, and took great care of them. You will greatly oblige me by calling the *Tetrapteris Halesia*, and I have inclosed the characters which you will have by the first ships, and I hope you will correct and add them to the figure, if you think proper to publish them. I am just now finishing some reflexions on the common Meteorological Journals, in order to send them to Dr. Hales, in answer to a most obliging letter which I had the honour to receive from him some time ago. I shall inclose them to you, but the extreme heat of the weather, and my own weakly state of health, will not let me have them ready ; I am afraid to send by Ball, which gives me great concern.

As to the packets and books from Holland, I never received nor heard of them till you wrote to me. I have never had a line from Dr. Schlosser since that one which you inclosed. I saw his *Tentamen Chemicum* in Phil. Trans. on lime water. I shall be singularly obliged to you for a copy of the cuts of all the plants, especially the *Halesia*. I am getting some done by a tolerable hand here, which will be inserted in the *Iter Saludiense* 2d part. It is not yet finished quite, and as it may not be agreeable to the Society to insert it in a series of letters, I am in no hurry about publishing it ; but as it