

by us into Irish rag. I do not know whether we have the true *Navette* seed, for making oil. It is a species of Rape, but I believe there are different sorts. I should be glad of a few seeds of the Candle-berry Myrtle*, to make a trial of in this warm climate. I suppose you have cultivated it in England, but I never heard with what success. The fruit-trees called *Sorbus*, *Jujuba*, and *Azarole*, are, I suppose, not esteemed in England, though much cultivated in Italy. But above all things, the Italian poplar is of more general use than any tree we have, as all our cases for merchandise are made of it. This tree might save you a great deal of money, remitted to Norway for deal plank. The tops of turnips, when going to seed, are boiled here as *Broccoli*, and eaten with butter and a shallot.

Wishing you all the happiness you can enjoy, in a double measure, I am, &c. JOHN FORD.

LORD CHANCELLOR NORTHINGTON † TO MR. ELLIS.

DEAR SIR,

London, Oct. 30, 1764.

I return you my thanks for your careful remembrance of my Pine Tops, and the ample supply you

* *Myrica cerifera*.

† Robert Henley, Earl of Northington, who succeeded the late Earl of Hardwicke as Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain in 1757, and was advanced to the peerage in 1760. His Lordship took great delight in the cultivation of plants, at his seat at Grainge, in Hampshire, as appears by the following letters.