

*tilis, foliis gramineis, umbellatis corymbis, C. Bauh. Pin.* 211; nor do I object. But it is by no means Tournefort's *Lychnis alpina linifolia multiflora, peramplâ radice* \*, whose flowers are more scattered, and the leaves broader in the middle, though narrower at the end.

I have no seed of the *Thalictrum montanum præcox* of Tournefort †, nor have I ever seen that plant growing. Your conjecture appears to me just, that *Helleborus fumaricæ foliis, Amman Stirp.* 74. t. 12 ‡, belongs to the same genus. But can you tell me whether this *Helleborus* of Amman, which by the fragment enclosed, I perceive you have seen, be a true species of *Helleborus*, or of *Thalictrum*, or perhaps of *Aquilegia*? You may ascertain this by its nectaries.

I shall be happy to send you any seeds that I can, but you had best let me know what you want. I am accustomed to send a printed list of my wants to the lovers of Botany. You are however so rich already, having two thousand plants in your garden, that I doubt whether I shall be able to contribute much; especially as you are about sending collectors to America. The unfavourable seasons, for three years past, have robbed me of many plants; and the few seeds sent hither from America, are generally either decayed, or not well ripened. You may

\* *Gypsopila repens.* Linn. Sp. Pl. 581.

† *Isophrum thalictroides.* Linn. Sp. Pl. 783. Jacq. Austr. t. 105.

‡ *J. fumarioides.* Linn. Sp. Pl. 783.