

Oxford, Feb. 10, 1746.

Having heard that the ship, by which I sent Deering's catalogue, was lost, I send you another copy, as you have expressed so earnest a wish for it. I might perhaps have rendered you an acceptable service in transmitting a few other works, of a similar kind; for books of a small size are seldom exported or imported, as I find by experience, being very rarely able to procure such from abroad.

A great part of the plants you ask for are natives of hot countries, of which I have but few. Miller could supply you better, though I do not believe that more of these plants ripen their seeds with him than with me. As to those cultivated in the open ground, one of these is the *Carum*, Caraway, which I send you. The *Gratiola*, like other creeping plants, seldom bears seeds. The *Chionanthus* is a small tree, which flowers with us every year, but never brings its seeds to perfection. I have several times had them from America, but none ever came up, as they were generally pierced through and through by maggots. I have a notion this plant might be referred to some common genus. I gathered four or five seeds of *Morina** last Summer, but committed them all immediately to the ground. The *Viburnum* is so common here that nobody thinks of collecting its seeds. I obtained a root or

* Hence it appears that this interesting plant survived at Oxford the hard winter of 1739-40, which destroyed it in most gardens; and that it perished there from subsequent neglect, after the time of Dillenius.