

and safety, and that the highly honourable appointments, conferred upon you, have determined you to settle there, on which I congratulate you most sincerely. My little work, upon the rare native plants of the Russian empire, as well as the performances of Siegesbeck, his first attempts, I should have sent you by a ship going to Stockholm; but it happened that the lakes and rivers, and even the sea itself, became frozen almost entirely over, soon after I received your letter, so that I was unable, as I still am, to find any mode of conveyance to you during winter, unless you can suggest any.

I have written no treatise on the Russian Ferns, unless you are pleased to give that name to an Academical dissertation, upon all the Ferns hitherto known, that bear two sorts of leaves, one producing flowers and fruit, the other barren. I hope this will appear, next year, in our Commentaries, illustrated by a few figures*. Gronovius has, this autumn, sent me the *Flora Virginica*. He promised me the *Hortus Cliffortianus*, but it is not yet come. I have not yet seen Van Royen's *Prodromus* of the Leyden Flora. Pray send me whatever is published by the newly-instituted Society of Sciences at Stockholm, as it cannot but be highly interesting. Farewell, and grant me a continuance of your regard.

* See *Commentarii Acad. Scient. Imp. Petrop. v. 10. ad annum 1738, J. Amman de Filicastro, p. 278—302. tab. 18—23.*