

officinalis grows no where, under this temperature, except in the province of Quito, from the line to the fifth degree of south latitude. It is indeed asserted, by Mr. Santistevan, to grow also in the second degree of north latitude, near Popayan. I have often heard this gentleman declare that he had there gathered the *Cinchona* in flower, and that it is known by the name of *Palo del requeson*. He gave me some of the leaves, which are twice as large as those of the *officinalis*; but he brought away none of the flowers, which he declared to be constantly furnished with six stamens. I shall accompany this letter with the description of another *Cinchona* *, called by me *gironensis*.

You wonder, not without reason, at my having met with a Cape tree in this country. Yet the characters detailed in my description appear to prove this tree a *Brabeium* rather than any thing else. I confess my surprise at the plants of various climates, which I have either seen growing wild here, or readily propagating themselves when once introduced. Numerous European plants are here to be seen, either wild or cultivated. Hence I have seen the splendid table of our amiable Viceroy furnished, at all times of the year, with the most delicious vegetables, such as Italy might envy us. The most excellent strawberries have there been constantly supplied for these last ten years. This plant, which

* This appears by the fruit, a *berry* of five cells, to be no *Cinchona*.