

our Bogotá river; though it was not there very plentiful. Afterwards I found it abundantly near Pampilona.

I do indeed greatly lament that our botanist Quer, so tenacious of Tournefort's method, should have thought of attacking your sexual system. That his proceedings are not founded on any solid reasons, I am well aware. I am highly disgusted with his *Flora*; the perusal of which has but lately fallen in my way. It is in every respect a rustic performance. I should point out some things to you, did I not apprehend that you have already heard of what I should think most remarkable.

My collection of descriptions of Birds, drawn up in my own way, is very considerable. I should have sent you a few of the most curious, but I wished first to correct them, as well as to accommodate them to your principles. Your long desired work upon animals, known to me as yet by name only, I have not been able to procure in Spain at any price. I do not admire Klein's system. I cannot longer conceal from you how much I wish to be associated with the illustrious members of the Society of Upsal. Adieu!

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*Description of MUTIS's Cinchona gironensis, subjoined to the foregoing letter of May 15, 1770.*

A middle-sized tree, with crowded, uniform, rather short, moderately spreading, round, smooth