

not confirmed by the scientific description, may induce a suspicion of its belonging to Jussieu's tenth section.

Descriptions of *Manettia*, Linn. Mant. 2. 553, 558, and a few other things of small importance conclude this letter.]

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Santa Fé de Bogotá, June 6, 1773.

As there is so vast a distance between us, it would be some satisfaction to me if your letters were more frequent. I cannot but complain of my hard fate, and sincerely lament that several years have passed without my receiving a letter from you. I have so long known your diligence and exactness in epistolary correspondence, that I suspect those who are entrusted with our mutual communications have not been so faithful as they ought. However this may be, you may depend on my attachment remaining unimpaired. Our Viceroy has brought with him your most valuable present of several of your works, which I have just received from his hands, and have many a time pressed to my lips. I cannot express how ardently I have longed for these books, which no gold could purchase in Spain. I immediately perceived the honourable mention you have made of me, under the genus *Cinchona*\*, which I gratefully acknowledge. I wish it were in my power to contribute to your gratification. I

\* *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 12. v. 2. 164.*