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Viro Clarissimo, Experientissimo D. D. Carolo Linné Equiti amato

Sal. pl. des. J. C. Muris.

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in Linn. Corresp. v. 2. 515.

Veser ne diligentiz, arque officij mei erga Te V. tt. me penitus oblitum existimes;
quod, nisi aliorum amicissimorum Virorum commercium Spius interruptum ex-
perus fuissim, nequaquam veserer. Sane pigres ultimas literas, in quibus
nunciabatur, Te Cinchonam accepisse; quasque in Civitate Bogotensi, antequam
illinc longissimae peregrinationi paratus decederem, summa jucunditate legisse
contigit; posteriores nullae fuerunt mihi delatae. Superiores itaque epistolas à
me biennio datas; in quibus variorum observationum descriptiones nonnullae,
ne voluminibus Te lacerarem, continebantur; ad manus tuas non pervenisse, vehe-
menter suspicor. Nunc autem ex numerosis descriptionibus ipsas seligere
conatus sum, quae saltem vel novitatis, vel raritatis multum haberent. Utinam
quae brevitaris studio paucissima seligi, ea Tibi, Verum Naturalium Arbitro
summo, maxime probata essent! Vehementer mihi gratum feceris, si &
omnibus pro amplissima humanitate tua sententiam indicaveris. Vale.

Dabam prope Caesarem Suratensem 2. 3. 8^{bris} 1767.