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Amicissimo suo C. Linné Equiti aurato

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S. p. d. J. C. Mutis.

Jucundissimę mihi fuerunt V. H. litterę tuę 10 Aprilis 1769, in quibus nunciabam ex anterioribus meis literas 19 Maji 1767 autumno pręterito; literas vero 3 Octobris ejusdem anni prope Cacotam Suratensem datas te pridie accepisse. At posteriores meas d. 3 Martij 1768 ibidem scriptas ad manus tuas nondum pervenisse video. Semper enim dolui, quod ita nunc doleo, maximam, quę intercedit, locorum distantiam commercium nostrum vel in annos retardaturam; quod quę multo gravius est, literarum nostrarum aliquas facile perituras. Ita illis accidisse valde suspicor, in quibus exoptatam responsionem, uti semper pro humanitate tua consuevisti, procul dubio dedisse te credo; quasque adhuc dubia mea circa genera tunc communicata desiderare me faciunt.

Immortales istas quas egisti gratias pro omnibus et singulis, quę pro mea solvenda fide tecum communicavi, à te nunquam desiderabam; cum à me, qui mentem tuam experto, tantique facio, potius tibi reddendas re ipsa atque animo credam esse justissimum. Ego nunc me denique tecum ista contulisse gratulor, cum ex posterioribus tuis intelligam thesaurulum observationum mearum, quę te ita exhilararunt ac si Nepenthen hausisses, probatione tua fuisse dignum.

Quod interrogas num ne ramuli Cinchonę sint lactescentes, quo solo crescat, et sub quibus gradibus frigoris et caloris, me penitus ignorare fateor. Provinciam enim Quitensem, ubi Caxanuma, Loxa, Cuenca, hujus officinalis speciei loca natalia sita sunt, à Provinciis Cartaginensi, Bogotensi, Pampilonensi, Gironensi valde remotam nondum peragravi. At vero quantum assequi conjectura possum, eam habitare existimo in collibus, quorum altitudo vix credenda foret Europęis, nisi barometri obser-