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Amicissimo suo Dr. Du. Car. Linné Equir.

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in Linn. Corresp. v. 2. 524.

In maxima ista, quæ nos intercedit, locorum distantia,
hoc solatio uter, quod literæ tuæ mihi essent frequentiores.
Maxime enim vicem meam conqueror, et valde doles,
me post plures annos literas nullas à te datas accepisse.
Iamdudum enim novi exactissimam tuam in reddendo fide-
liter responsum curam et diligentiam. Suspicio tamen
Commercij nostri curatores parum fuisse fideles. Cujus-
modi fuerit, me tibi devotissimum habeo. Celissimus
Prorex seum attulit, et ab illo nuperime accepi operum
tutorum aurea dona, quæ sepius oscularis sum.
Quantum enim ista desideraverim, cum nullo pretio
emi potuissent Hispaniæ, non satis vales significare.
Porro vidi honorificam mentionem, quam à me fecisti
in genere Cinchonæ, quam quæ gratulus recorder. Utina
mihi liceret tuis voluptatibus inservire! Vane quanti-
te fecerim ex donisculis istis per amicissimum