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Sir

My Son acquainted me that You wish'd to know the origin of the Engrav'd plate of the Jesuits bark you have in your possession—

Doct<sup>r</sup> C. Mortimer in 1740, then Secretary of the Royal Society (my relation) was a correspondent of Mons<sup>r</sup> de la Condamine's, who being then in Peru, sent the Doct<sup>r</sup> a present of a Serone of Bark, (I think it was so called) w<sup>h</sup> might be about half a Hundred weight, pack'd up in a Bulls hide, in w<sup>h</sup> was enclosed several specimens of the Jesuits bark tree also some large pieces of the wood with the Bark on, and some specimens of an uncommon form'd branch of a Tree which he called Quinaquina; together with its Almond like seeds.

I being then an Apprentice in London, having pleasure in the Study of Botany, drawing Plants &c Doct<sup>r</sup> Mortimer gave me the several specimens that I might form a drawing to be engraved for the Royal Society. The specimens were crumpled up, but by soaking them in warm water, I got them expanded so as to form an exact representation, as the plate shows—

I also made a drawing of the uncommon form'd specimen, with the triangular stalk with thick farinaceous winged leaves set on every side: w<sup>h</sup> he called Quina Quina, the drawing of w<sup>h</sup> I enclose for Your acceptance; a foul copy of the same I gave to Mr<sup>r</sup> Lambert with descriptions of both; I also send, for Your perusal, a letter from D<sup>r</sup> Dillenius, with whom I <sup>to correspond</sup> ~~used~~ on Botanick matters, as it alludes to the present subject. on the other side I have transcrib'd Mons<sup>r</sup> Condamine's description of the first Quinquina.

I am Sir Your most Obedient

Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Hawking

Dorchester Feb<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1774