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Feb'y 26. 1815

Sir,

I own myself as the earliest of  
fortune that has afforded me the pleasure  
of receiving your letter of the  
26th. I beg leave in the first place to assure you that  
I shall be most happy at all times to endeavor  
for procuring information on such Botanical subjects  
as may interest you. I have at the same  
time to regret that I can add so very little to what  
you already knew of the Mauritsia Rodanicae  
of the species in the American Herbarium. I knew  
nothing: but a request addressed by Sir Joseph Banks  
& Sir James Smith has procured me the enclosed  
fragment, & sir James states to be "one of the  
existing 4 or 5 miserable specimens of the only specimen."

in the collection. Without having been once considered  
respects is so much changed and so extremely  
battle that it may possibly be reduced to aimmer  
before it reaches you. It and town of this should not
There is a little calculation to give any information whether the badness of the specimens will serve at least to confirm you in your intention of adopting for your Morochi.

The Linnaean name Mauritius is no confusion can result from it even if they should not differ from the Linnaean genus being connected with no specific knowledge thereon. Your conclusion respecting the origin of Linnaean name for the genus Saffran to me extremely probable. The colonial name Mauritius-Boom with which Linnaeus had the specimen from Surinam being most likely connected with the nature Morochi or some very similar sound of the Dutch Doom. No additional information however was to be obtained on this subject from the Linnaean manuscripts.

(Your description of the male flowers of Morochi agrees very well with that of Mauritius) unless as you have no fault remarked in the single circumstance of your plant having stamens naked which is certainly rather an unusual anomaly in the male of a provision plant.

You are perhaps not aware of there being a figure of the fruit of a Paria from Guyave in Bolus, Exot. P. 25. What in all probability is part of Bache; consequently if your Morochi
I rejoice to learn both from your letter &
more recently still from the Prospectus of the
book that your Nova Genera of Species Plant.
will so soon to appear. I am very anxious
to see the first part in particular as containing
two letters of plants (Gramineae & Arboreae) to
which I have paid some attention. With respect
to the former if that your letter led me to expect
material improvements in arrangement.
It is most gratifying to me to have obtained for
my botanick shops your approbation for that
of several of the most eminent botanists of France
and especially to have received so distinguished
an honour as that of I learn the Botanical
have done me the pleasure of electing me a Corresponding
Member. If this however it is perhaps safer
to observe that I have received no official
mention.
It was with great pleasure that I learned that
my excellent friend Mr. Hooker was in possession
of your valuable Cryptogamie collection in
the Jardins de Paris, of which I have no doubt he
will exhibit his usual accuracy & give you
consequently complete satisfaction.
Yours...
There are several points connected with my botanic inquiries in which I am now engaged to which I should be glad to have your assistance but for these I must rely on you at a future opportunity. The very little time left for occupying myself with the present permitting me only to beg you will secure my very hearty letter and to believe that I am for

With the greatest respect and regard,
Your most ob't serv.

I Brown.

Baron Humboldt