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London March 1st - 1786

On the first of Nov. last I received your kind Letter
 & present of Caviar from Dr Massey It was a large
 quantity & very fine for which accept my hearty thanks
 as well as for your kind endeavours for my interest -
 The longer your Letters are so much, the more are they
 acceptable And if you know how pleasing to me the
 smallest of your Natural Informations from a Country so
 remote, I am persuaded you would gratify me more
 at large, for my own part I shall always endeavour to
 endeavour to retaliate in every thing I can think agreeable to you
 Mr Collinson has very fortunately got a Correspondent in
 Pennsylvania a poor Man but indefatigable in the love &
 pursuit of plants and all other Natural things - Mr
 Collinson has procured from L^d Peters & two or three somewhat
 annual to enable him the better to prosecute his labours in
 collecting and sending Seeds &c This poor Man has proved
 his deserving the encouragement given him by his sending
 over a vast Collection of Seeds & Specimens &c many of
 them new and very Curious, particularly those he collected
 some hundred Miles up at the Sources of the great River
 Schuylkil where he found Woods of an ever green tree the
 leaves not unlike our common Laurel producing us
 bunches of very beautiful flowers, but the fruit not
 then being ripe he could not then send it -
 It promises from the Specimen (a copy of which I shall
 send you) an addition to our ever greens not a little curious
 I have removed my Garden from Hoxton to Fulham where
 the Soil being exceeding good, I have in some measure
 recreated my Lysas Sustegnas in the sterill Soil at Hoxton
 and have in prospect of a collection of American hardy
 Plants excelled by none I shall send you a Catalogue of
 them in due time And if it be practicable & acceptable
 to send you a Case of some be particular in your commands,
 I am Sir
 Sincerely & your most
 Humble Serv^t
 W. Catesby

Mr. Hume has added to his Estate and Manor
 holding by a purchase of the Duke of Newcastle
 House which you know

Mr. our friend Dr Gronovius is druggs up
 in Dr Linnæus & his new System -
 tho' not so well approve of here
 Is it impossible to procure an Astracæ
 goat & Gander?

Dr
 Amman
 Professor of Botany
 at St Petersburg

