

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

19 July 1917

My dear Colleague,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th June relating to specimens of three plants - one a Ficus (F. slartica?) another a plant of S. Thome, and the Meliacea. As regards the material of the latter sent in a tube my colleague Dr Staff has written to you already on 14th inst - and I hope that his letter may reach you safely. Along with the glycerine material of the Meliacea came two small prints which are those of Ficus trigonata Linn. or of a species very closely allied to it but whether this be part of the very interesting tree in the Jardin Botanique (F. slartica?) I do not know. From

Seu Professor Dr J. A. Henriques.
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your reference to a third plant —
the one from S. Thomá which you had not
been able to identify I am very
much afraid that something which
you have despatched to us has failed
to reach us, for we have no trace of
any third plant. What I fear is
that besides the Slycerine material
of the beliacea you may have sent
us a package with three specimens
and that this package has never
arrived.

I am glad to say that the plant
of Sedum pinnatum arrived quite
safely, I believe that the actual
date of its arrival was 7 June
last. Your kind communica-
tion advising this plant did not

reach me until a week later than the
plant itself. On receiving your advice
the arrival of the plant was acknow-
ledged but I am afraid that my
letter telling of its arrival never has
reached you.

I now beg to acknowledge it once more
with my very warm thanks to you
for having sent it.

At present, unfortunately postal
communications are very irregular
and we have abundant evidence I
am sorry to say that many letters in-
tended for us do not reach us and
that others which we send away
never reach their destination.

Trusting that you may receive this
and begging you to accept my very warm
regards Believe me to be

Yours very sincerely

D. Prain