

M/ angleterre.

Genthall Hall,  
at Grosely.

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Dear Sir.

I believe you are aware that I have in preparation a monograph of the genus Crocus which I hope to publish with full illustrations of each of the species.

There are several of the Dalmatian species of which I am anxious to possess specimens & about which I also desire information regarding their distribution & the characters distinguishing them from allied species.

Crocus Visianicus, is a plant I have never seen either living

or in the herbarium. do  
you happen to have a dried  
specimen you could give me  
or lend me (to be afterwards  
returned to you) or if you have  
living roots I should greatly value  
a bulb to grow & flower in  
my garden. Can you also  
tell me whereabouts in Dalmatia  
it occurs wild & what are  
its distinctive characters  
from *Pallasii* & *longiflorus*?

of *Bromo Pallasii* I also very  
much want to obtain living  
roots. It has been found near  
Spalatro. do you happen to  
know anyone there who would  
be so kind as to obtain for



me a supply of the wild bulbs.  
I suppose it could easily be  
found in October when in flower.  
Crocus Tommasianus is another  
species about which I am  
now anxious to obtain  
information & particulars  
of its habits.

I believe I have the plant  
in cultivation under the wrong  
name of "dalmaticus" to which  
it is not allied; being  
evidently an ally of Vernus.  
would you be so kind as  
to tell me whereabouts  
it is found in Dalmatia.  
The time of flowering &c.

I need not say how very  
thankful I shall be  
for any information about  
Dalmatian Croci or for  
living or dried specimens  
as I want to make my  
monograph as complete  
& correct as possible.

Believe me to remain

Yours very sincerely

George Shaw.

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