BILTMORE, N. C.

August 3rd, 1897.

Mr.P. A. Saccardo,

Padova, Italy. (Botanic Gardens)

Dear Sir:-

I have your card of the 17th of July notifying me of the shipment in care of our London Agents of 600 botanical specimens illustrating the flora of Italy. Again confirming the statement in my communication addressed to you on the 12th of May, I beg to say that we shall send you an equivalent representing the flora of the Southeastern United States this autumn. At the time of shipment we will notify you explicitly. The package will go out with out other European consignments in care of our London Agents, Messrs. William Wesley & Son, 28 Essex Street, Strand. Our first arrangement was to send you 400 representative plants; but as you have consigned to us a larger number, I will take the responsibility of augmenting it with a view of making more equitable reparation.

Again thanking you most cordially for the opportunity of this exchange and trusting that in future on the advent of our next catalog we may be favored with similar negotiations, I am

Very truly yours,

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