

Storici D. Macchioni e Perri (1640)
fatti colle piante dell'Isola Padovana
per l'Opera inglese in persona Hans Sloane
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Dear Sir,

Sir Hans Sloane
had in his collection
two volumes of plants
collected in the Padua
Garden of Giovanni
Macchioni, who, as I
learn from your invaluable
book, was head gardener
there in 1631-1694. The
plants are arranged (al-
phabetically) and

named by him - I am in-
formed that a similar
collection was bought by
John Suchu - and dispo-
sessed at Wotton - and that
such collections were
prepared for and bought
by travellers. Can you tell
me whether this was
the case - and if so, how
long the custom was con-
tinued?

Sloane has a similar

collection "gathered at Padua by
Dr. Perin about 1640" - were visitors-
for such Perin seems to have been -
allowed to gather plants in the
garden? The plants in this volume
are evidently cultivated.

I shall be glad of any informa-
tion you can give me same
by replying.

James Britton: