

Quinta do Mourenate  
Cintra

28 Sep 1960



Dear Professor Henriques,

Your letter of 23 Sept. asking the  
visconde de Mourenate to send you  
specimens of one of the Bambusa in  
his garden has been handed by  
him to me asking me if I will  
answer it on his behalf.

This I the more willingly do because  
I had intended to write to you in  
any case, to say that it was one  
of my hopes when visiting Mou-  
renate to be able also to visit  
Coimbra and pay my respects to  
you in person.

I find, however, that it is not  
possible for me to arrange for an  
excursion to Coimbra so that I  
must forego that pleasure till I

amable to pay another visit to  
your delightful country.

As there are not many differ-  
ent Bamboos in the garden of  
Monsieur I have suggested to  
the Viscount to order his gardeners  
to bring in specimens of each of  
the kinds and let me send them  
all to you, so that in this way  
it may be certain that you  
shall get the one you want.

If you will send back a  
leaf of the paper on which  
more specimens of that one  
can be sent to you.

Meanwhile the Viscount asks  
me to convey his compliments  
to you and to say that if by

any chance you should have to  
visit Lisbon within the next few  
days, he would be very glad indeed  
to see you at Monsieur if you  
should favour him with a visit  
during the time of my stay here.  
He hopes that if you should come  
you will come to luncheon  
which takes place at 1 o'clock.

We leave Monsieur on Wednes-  
day next, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. and on Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept. I shall not be at  
Monsieur at luncheon. But  
any of the days from Saturday  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup> till Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, I shall  
be here and it will be a great  
pleasure to the Viscount if you  
should be able to come on one  
of these days. The gardens of  
Monsieur I find extremely



interestingly and will repay your  
visit.

With very kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely,

D. Prain

Director, Royal Botanic  
Gardens, Kew.