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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 Crocus 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
most 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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