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Part One

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The Adanson collection now at the Hunt Botanical Library is one primarily of the botanical books owned and used by Michel Adanson (1727-1806), together with his available correspondence and manuscripts. These materials were acquired by Mr. Roy A. Hunt for the Hunt Botanical Library in March 1961 from the firm of Stechert-Hafner Inc., New York, followed by other acquisitions in the summer of 1962. All were released from the family holdings by M. Guillaume Rocquigny-Adanson, of Balsine, Villeneuve sur Allier, France, through his Paris agent, M. Max Besson. As treated here, this collection numbers 391 separate items composed of about 15,000 pieces.

For purposes of cataloguing and identification, every item is assigned a serial number prefixed by the designator AD for Adanson. In the inventory this AD-number precedes the title of the work or manuscript. A short description is followed by a discussion of the content, when necessary, and the entry is concluded by a note on Adanson's annotations or reply, if any, and on the history of the copy or document, plus other details of possible interest.

The collection is divided into three groups: books and other printed material, autograph letters, and manuscripts. The arrangement within each group is alphabetical under the name of the respective author and, with some exceptions, chronological for entries by the same author. Letters of organizations, such as the Compagnie des Indes, or of government bureaus, are filed alphabetically by name of the originating agency. Adanson's own manuscripts are divided into two groups, dated and undated. The dated manuscripts, or those to which an approximate date may be assigned, are arranged chronologically; the others follow alphabetically by title. In some instances arbitrary titles have been assigned for purpose of convenient reference; nevertheless Adanson’s wording is followed as closely as possible. Two items of a special character are placed at the end of their groups: the collection of printed plates [AD 128], and
the herbarium of teratological specimens [AD 391].

Adanson began his library at the age of twelve, in 1739 according to his annotations, when he received two valuable books as prizes for Greek and Latin poetry at school: an edition of Pliny, and one of Aristotle. The first is in this collection [AD 103]. In the same year, according to his inscription on the title-page and to a reference in a reply to a letter from Charles-François Aved [AD 146], he bought a copy of Tournefort *Institutiones rei herbariae* (1700) [AD 124]. The next important event, often referred to by Adanson in his letters, was the visit of John Turberville Needham (1713-1781) and his gift of a microscope to Adanson, then fourteen years old; to this Adanson ascribed his initial interest in natural history studies. This may be true, however, there is no known record of this visit or the whereabouts of the microscope, and although Adanson was in touch with Needham, none of this correspondence has been located.

Not many books were acquired by Adanson prior to his voyage to Senegal. Among the few that he had with him are Linnaeus’ *Genera plantarum* 2nd ed. (1743-1744) [AD 81], Linnaeus’ *Systema naturae* 4th ed. (1744) [AD 86], and the Tournefort work cited above. During the course of his studies he probably had access to the library of de Réaumur. During his stay in Senegal he added a few books to his collection, e.g., Linnaeus’ *Systema naturae* 7th ed. (1748). However, he amassed a number of manuscripts of observations made in Senegal of which only a few are in this collection. Many of these Senegal manuscripts were in the collection as recently as 1934, and are cited in part or were used by Chevalier in his biography [AD 33].

After his return to Paris, Adanson worked in close association with Bernard de Jussieu, as is shown by his possession of a copy of Linnaeus’ *Species plantarum* (1753) inscribed by Linnaeus to B. de Jussieu [AD 85, Fig. 31], and which he annotated copiously. Other acquisitions to Adanson’s library in 1754 were works by Mentzel [AD 96], Vaillant [AD 125], and Linnaeus’ *Materia medica*, 1749 [AD 83]. During the period when he resided with or near Bernard de Jussieu there was no great need to expand his library, since he had access to de Jussieu’s. A comparison between the reference works cited by Adanson in his *Familles des plantes* and those of the published catalogue of the de Jussieu library (J. Decaisne, *Catalogue de la bibliothèque scientifique de MM. de Jussieu . . .* Paris, 1838) shows that many of the books mentioned but not possessed by Adanson were in the de Jussieu library.

These years witnessed a material growth of the Adanson manuscript
CAROLI LINNAEI
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PROFESS. UPSAL; EQUITIS AUR. DE STELLA POLARI;
ECCE NON ACAD. IMPER. MONSEP. BEROL. TOLOS.
UPSAL. STOCKH. SOC. & PARIS. CORESP.

SPECIES PLANTARUM,
EXHIBENTES PLANTAS RITE COGNITAS,
AD GENERA RELATAS,
CUM DIFFERENTIIS SPECIFICIS,
NOMINIBUS TRIVIALIBUS,
SYNONYMIS SELECTIS,
LOCIS NATALIBUS,
SECUNDUM SYSTEMA SEXUALE DIGESTAS.

TOMUS I.

HOLMIAE,
IMPENSIS LAURENTII SALVII.
1753.
collection. Many older manuscripts, such as the Barrelier papers [AD 346-348] and the so-called Deschizeaux-type papers, were probably acquired in this period. The scars burned in the vellum cover of Barrelier's _Plantes de ses voyages_ . . . [AD 348], and the Spanish text written on the reinforcement of the binding, indicate the handwriting to be of Barrelier himself. Here, it is to be noted, there is little difference between this and the handwriting of other lists, such as extracts from Tournefort and others, here referred to as the Deschizeaux-type [AD 378-390]. According to Besson's original pre-sale-inventory of this collection, documents from Pierre Deschizeaux (1687-1735) were in the collection. The only confirmation I have found for this is the occurrence of the name "Jean Deschizeaux" in a very old-looking handwriting on the vellum cover of one of these papers [AD 380], which nevertheless is not necessarily much older than the period—about 1720—because notaries of that period appear to have used a comparable kind of "fossilized" handwriting in their official documents. Certainly the manuscripts of Barrelier were at the disposal of the de Jussieu's and may have been presented to Adanson by Bernard de Jussieu. This may account also for the presence of the Deschizeaux manuscripts. The death date of Deschizeaux is often given as 1730, but this is incorrect, being shortened from "circa 1730" [cf. AD 355] and the accepted date here is 1735.

A new period followed the publication of the _Familles des plantes_ in 1763-64, when Adanson's association with the Académie des Sciences accounts for his receipt of many publications for purpose of review or approbation. Certainly the publication of this two-volume work contributed to his being more widely known: for example, Covolo [AD 41] sent him his publication from Italy making reference to the _Familles des plantes_ in his correspondence. Apparently he also purchased books for his library, e.g., Chabrey [AD 31] bought in 1765, and Battarra [AD 18] acquired in 1767. His financial situation improved in this period and gave him some freedom, and the less intimate association with Bernard de Jussieu increased his need for a more adequate library of his own.

An interesting manuscript catalogue of his library [AD 271] is in this collection, prepared in 1767 and possibly begun late in 1766. This list, arranged systematically into subject groups, provides numbers for the titles, not in precise numerical order, but consistent within each group. Each number was also written on the title-page of the book concerned, as part of a phrase such as "No. 63 Collationé Adanson" (see Fig. 34). This system was not too flexible, hence he repeated a number for some
acquisitions received later, followed by a second number in parentheses [see III (1) to 128 (3) on p. 274]. Apparently this procedure was soon dropped, for it does not appear for books acquired after 1771. In this manuscript catalogue Adanson gave his estimate of the value of each book as of 1767. The entries of this catalogue are given below, rearranged in numerical sequence with the new AD-number added when the item is in this collection. Adanson's unorthodox orthography is retained, but his listing of prices is not. In this transcription, the author's name is given first although Adanson usually listed the title first (see Fig. 32). Additional data are in square brackets [ ]. The size “format” is indicated as given by Adanson, and often is not correct. In some instances Adanson added “fig.” to the size indication, apparently meaning the presence of important plates in the book. Many titles in fields other than botany and natural history have not been identified. Some of the items are Adanson's manuscripts (e.g. his nos. 75 and 83-85), and this may be true also for the numbers described as extraits [abstracts]. The transcription of his manuscript follows.

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28(2) Extrait animaux petits sans [mss?]                                         | —       | —      | —                   |       |
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29(1) Arédi Ixtyologia                                                           | 1738    | 8°     | 1                   | AD 16 |
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32         | Adanson Hist. Nat. Senegal Kokillajes                                            | 1757    | 4°     | 1                   | AD 4  |
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34         | Klein Crustacés                                                                  | 1754    | 8°     | 1                   |       |
35 & 36    | Gesneri Petrificata [Gesner, J. Dissertatio physica de Petrificatorum differentis] | 1752-55 | 4°     | 1                   |       |
37         | Delisle Lettre sur les Polypes à l’eau douce                                     | 1766    | 12°    | 1                   |       |
38         | Andry Generation des vers                                                        | 1700    | 12°    | 1                   |       |
39         | Klein Oursins                                                                   | 1754    | 8      | 1                   |       |
Fig. 32. Facsimile of the botanical listings of Adanson's manuscript catalogue of 1767, titled Catalogue de mes livres. [Cf. AD 271]
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This manuscript catalogue was probably replaced by a later draft, because Adanson drew a vertical line through most of the items. The numbers were assigned after the list was written; some items were renumbered. The presence of his collationé number is always cited in this inventory.

From the books listed in this manuscript catalogue, only a small number is represented in this collection: four from general category of natural history, two from zoology, twenty-two from botany (plus four manuscripts), two from agriculture, and one from medicine. Therefore, even of the botanical part, only slightly more than half the original number is represented in this collection. One reason for this is that Adanson cut up some of his copies to provide figures for his collection of plates of species, which he arranged by families (see AD 128 for the botanical part). His copy of Mattioli ("collationé no. 40") was destroyed for this purpose. We do not know what happened to the text of these works. Another reason is that some of his botanical books were disposed of by the family prior to the 1961 sale of this collection. A copy of his Familles des plantes with his signature and "collationé no. 66" has long been at the Bibliothèque Centrale of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris. His annotated set of Diderot's Encyclopédie des Sciences was sold prior to 1954, at which time it arrived in Dakar, Senegal.

During the years following 1770 Adanson had neither opportunity nor funds to add many books to his library, and he concentrated more and more on his large plan for a universal encyclopedia, gathering much material for it, especially plates. In one mss. he calculated how many works he could publish at certain periods and at what prices [AD 278]. In a discussion of his plans to publish plates or figures of all kinds of natural history organisms he compared the difference in cost between that for all the works concerned if purchased individually, to that to be charged for his single compilation of the same illustrations, pointing out that the saving to the public would be considerable [cf. AD 138]. His library continued to grow, mainly by means of books given to him through his duties with the Académie, although he continued to purchase new titles up to the time of the Revolution.

Some numbers were added by successive owners of his library; self-evident for books published after his death (1806). Books of earlier date might also have been added by them, as is suggested by the complete absence of any notation in Adanson's handwriting in some of these works. For example, the duplicate copy of Linnaeus' Genera plantarum 2nd.
ed. [AD 82] has only a stamp: E·D standing for Emile Doumet (1796-1869), son of Adanson's daughter Aglaé.

Adanson's correspondence seems not to have been extensive when compared to that of his contemporaries. Certainly he did not encourage people to write to him, probably because he was anxious to use his time without interruption for his major works. In several of his replies to correspondents he uses such phrases as "having taken at last the time to study your letter . . ." and, "though I have not the time for a large correspondence . . ." Nevertheless he tried several times to get in touch with persons overseas, or in other areas who might collect plants of importance to his studies. The most important of his overseas correspondents was Pierre Sonnerat (1749-1814) [AD 236-241, 376]. Of his correspondence with other scientists, that with the Geneva philosopher, Charles Bonnet (1730-1793) deserves mention [AD 164-169]. This breathes the spirit of good friendship, notwithstanding the sharp criticisms of Adanson on Bonnet's statements based on data of Bonnet's other correspondents, such as Lazara Spallanzani (1729-1799) and Bonaventura Corti (1729-1813). Although Bonnet alleged that his statements were based on sound evidence, Adanson was unimpressed since he had no corroboratation from his own experiments. He even doubted Corti's clear and accurate description of protoplasmic movement. Adanson explained his reasons for not attending the sessions of the Académie when Bonnet was welcomed as Associé étranger [AD 169]. It is also interesting to read how Bonnet wanted to speak in defense of Adanson after hearing malicious gossip about him.

The years 1763-66 form a special period of much correspondence because Adanson sent out many requests to important grain-growing regions for seeds of cereals and for soils on which they were cultivated [AD 140, 209]. These he would use in his experiments. Some of these letters or fragments of them are not included in the numbered list but are preserved under the headings where Adanson filed them; viz., Bleds, originally in the Dictionnaire de Botanique [AD 333], now under Agriculture [AD 307].

Adanson's private correspondence consists largely of a long series of letters from Charles-François Aved (ca. 1730-1787). From these we learn better of the kind man he could be in the company of his friends. Here again appear his fears of being interrupted in his studies, as he apparently later asked Aved not to visit him too often.

Many of the papers of this collection bear interesting watermarks,
which have been of help in identifying and dating manuscripts. At the same time their usefulness must not be overestimated, for Adanson would scribble notes on any piece of paper he found at hand, using some pieces twice or even three times. A leaf of one manuscript [AD 297], shows on its back the offset of a colored imprint of a cherry. This was from the guard-leaf of a plate in Johann Hermann Knoop's *Fructologie* (1771), a book which was cut up by Adanson for his plate collection [AD 128]. The use of complete sheets with a special watermark often points to a certain period. In one case, a letter cut into different parts by Adanson for filing under different subjects was reconstructed by means of the watermark [AD 167].

Adanson's herbarium of teratological specimens (monstrosities) is an interesting curiosity [AD 391]. His large herbarium is at the Laboratoire de Phanérogamie of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris; apparently this small teratological part was not considered sufficiently important to be included. His careful notation of the precise locality where the specimen was collected, and of the nature of the abnormality, are unusual for any herbarium of that time.

Apart from the intrinsic value of this collection as a whole, it is important also for the abundance of inside information it gives on this period in French botany. It is important for the study of the development of the natural classification in botany and natural history in general. Of the more noteworthy individual items not mentioned above, there is the letter of Bernard de Jussieu to Adanson concerning both the former's earlier voyage and the latter's current one to Normandie [AD 203] for it gives clear directions for and a description of the route, and of persons to be contacted, as well as information on the history of Adanson's *Familles des plantes*. The many annotations Adanson wrote in his books may prove to be important where they contribute his own ideas on material in the printed text.
PRINTED BOOKS

Abrégé Des Instructions Sur Le Jardinage . . . cf. AD 13

AD 1 Académie Royale des Sciences [Paris] Prix
80 pp. Paris, Imprim. Royale [imprint often missing.]
Baudouin, Impr. de l’Institut National, 1747-1801.

A collection of twenty-six announcements of the prizes offered by or
through l’Académie Royale des Sciences or l’Institut National de France, or
reports on the awards of same. Apparently Adanson filed the different
prizes by subjects, so there are gaps in this assemblage. Included are the
prizes for 1782 on cotton and for 1789 on a regional mineralogy for which
Lucien Scheler elucidated the history (Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier et Michel
Adanson rédacteurs de programmes des Prix à l’Académie des Sciences.

AD 2 ADANSON, Aglaé (1775-1852) Catalogue des arbres, arbrisseaux, arbustes et
plantes vivaces, cultivés . . . à Baleine, prés Moulins, . . .
[iii], 128 pp. Paris, Audot, 1825. 16°

A catalogue of the plants grown by Adanson’s daughter at her estate,
Baleine, in Allier.

AD 3 ADANSON, Aglaé Catalogue des arbres, arbustes et plantes vivaces, cultivés
. . . à Baleine
pp. 520-549. n. p., n. d. 12°

A reprint, probably from a horticultural journal, of a later edition of AD 2.

Avec la relation d’un voyage fait en ce pays, pendant les années 1749, 50, 51,
52 & 53
[viii], 190 [ii], xcvi, 275 pp., folded map, 18 pls., del. et sculpt.

Bound with this volume:

Annotations: on title-page “Collationé 1757 Adanson” and a paraphrase on
the motto by Adanson “1754”; in the text area are a few annotations, and
the correction of some words. Some annotated slips are inserted among
the leaves, e.g. at p. 11 a counter plea against M. Faujas on volcanic origin
of basalt, and on p. 67 hirondelles [swallows] hibernating in Senegal.
AD 5 ADANSON, M[ichel] *Familles des plantes* 2 vols. [Bound copy]
Vol. 1: [iv], cccxxv, 189, [i] pp. 1 pl. Paris, Vincent, 1763 [1764]. 8°

Contents: "Préface istorike de la botanike; Table cronologike des auteurs
de botanike; Résultats des expériences les plus modernes sur l’organisation,
l’anatomie & les facultés des plantes; Tables raisonnée des matières; Errata."

Vol. 2: [ii], 24, [4], 640 pp. Paris, Vincent, 1763. 8°

Contents: "Tableau des 58 familles des plantes; Familles des plantes; Table
[plant names]; Table raisonnée des vertus et usages des plantes."

No annotations. Another copy in the Muséum National d’Histoire Natu-
relle, Paris, bears the collationé number 66, is heavily annotated, and was
used for the second edition (see AD 10).

AD 6 ADANSON, M[ichel] *Familles des plantes* 2 vols. [Unbound sheets,
containing some earlier page proof sheets] 8°

The sheets of both volumes are heavily annotated, probably in preparation
for a second edition, but were not used for the second edition published
by Payer [AD 10]. Some earlier pages, proofs of earlier stages, have been
transferred here from the subject headings under which they were filed
by Adanson.

AD 7 ADANSON, M[ichel] *Deux cours d’histoire naturelle générale et particulièr
sur les trois règles*

________. *Cours de botanique et d’histoire naturelle, à la campagne.*

These are original posters for the series of lectures and field trips by Adan-
son. The 1772 copy is annotated with prices.

AD 8 ADANSON, M[ichel] *Plan & tableau de mes ouvrages*
Ex *Observations et Mémoires sur la Physique sur l’Histoire Naturelle et sur
les Arts et Métiers*[de Rozier].
18 pp. [Paris, Avril 1775]. 4°

Reprint, paged separately (originally paged 237-276), of a plan for a universal
encyclopedia projected by Adanson. Annotated by correction of two
errors, plus (1) inside of cover, a dated inscription of 1 Mai 1775 to The
Royal Society, London in a different ink; and (2) a notation at top of first
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page that this is the only copy left with the Rapport of the Académie [AD 63] and that twice (1790 and 1795) copies sent to French government institutions were not returned. The manuscript of this report is AD 292.

AD 9 ADANSON, M[ichel] Cours d’histoire naturelle fait en 1772 publiée sous les auspices de M. Adanson (Alexandre) son neveu avec une introduction et des notes par M. J. Payer
2 vols.

AD 10 ADANSON, Michel Familles naturelles des plantes . . . [2nd ed.]

Contents: Notice biographique [Alexandre Adanson]; Histoire de la botanique et plan des familles naturelles des plantes. All that was published.

AD 11 d’ALEMBERT (pseud.) [Jean Le Rond] (1717-1783) Pensées de Monsieur d’Alembert
d’Alembert [cf. note below on identity]

Annotated, partly critical; the title-page: “No. 73 (Adanson),” and “Collationé 1784 Adanson.” The book contains among other material a short appraisal of Buffon (p. 287).

Note: d’Alembert, when an infant, was left on the steps of the church Jean Le Rond, and when christened was given the name Jean Le Rond. As he approached maturity he abandoned this name and took for himself the single name d’Alembert by which he was known to his colleagues and in his writing [cf. Lemoine in Dictionnaire de biographie française 1: 1398-1495: 1933].

AD 12 AMMANN, Johann (1707-1741) Stirpium rariorum in impero Rutheno sponte provenientium icones et descriptiones

Collationé Adanson No. 54. No annotations except on title-page. Acquired by Adanson in Paris for 8 livres, in 1767 (cf. back of front cover, partly torn off).

Analyse de la Philosophie du Chancelier François Bacon . . . cf. AD 45
AD 13 [Ardène, Jean-Paul de Rome d'] Abrégé des instructions sur le jardiniage, qui font partie de l'année champêtre

xii, 267 pp. Avignon et Marseille, J. Mossy, 1767. 12°

No Adanson number nor any trace of annotations by him. Name of former owner, Caroline Corne, noted from impression of pencil writing. Possibly acquired by Adanson's daughter.

AD 14 Arduino, Pietro (1728-1805) Animadversionum botanicarum specimen

xxviii pp. Patavii, Conzatti, 1759. 4°
[Last date in vol. 3 Oct. 1759, p. xxviii.] [lacks the 12 plates].

No annotations except "No. 87 Collationé Adanson." Plates (unfolded) were removed by Adanson and are filed in the plate collection [AD 128].

AD 15 [Arnault, Antoine-Vincent ?] Adanson (Michel)

In, Biographie nouvelle des contemporains pp. 30-34, portr. [after bust, drawn by Tresel, intaglio by Desève]. [Paris, 1820.]

AD 16 Artedi, Petrus (1705-1735) Ichthyologia sive opera omna de Piscibus scilicet:

Privilege [in Dutch] [3] p., dated "20 IV 1741."

Lugduni Batavorum, C. Wishoff, 1738. 8°

Collationé Adanson No. 29. Annotations few: on p. 118 concerning numbers of species by the two other authors.

AD 17 Bailon, H[enri-Ernest] (1827-1895) Adanson (Michel)

In, Dictionnaire de botanique vol. 1, p. 45. Paris, 1876.

A biographical account which shows the interest that the publisher, also the publisher of the journal Adansonia, had in Adanson.


vii, 80 pp. [lacks plates]. Faventia, Ballanti, 1755. 4°

No annotations except on title-page "No. 57 Collationé Adanson." and on inside of front cover: "acheté 3 livres] chez M. Bombarde in 1767 Collationé complet."
AD 19 BERGEN, Carl August von (1704-1759) Commentatio de thermometris mensurae constantis quondam seorsim publicata
2nd ed. 48 pp., i pl. Norimbergae, Haeredes W. M. Endteri & J. A. Engelbrechtii, 1757. 4°


AD 20 BOERHAAVE, Herman (1668-1738) Aphorismi de cognoscendis et curandis morbis in usum doctrinae domesticæ digesti

The Approbation, dated “Junii xi anni 1744,” and the Privilege, dated “12 Junii 1744” are in Libellus de materia medica, also bound with this volume, together with a part of Boerhaave’s Opera omnia, cum notis Alberti Haller & Commentaris Gerardi Van Swieten.


BOERHAAVE, Herman Libellus de materie medica et remediorum formulis quae serviunt aphorismis de cognoscendis et curandis morbis.

[Bound with Aphorismi 9th ed.]

AD 21 BROHON, Joannes [Jean] (died ca. 1575) De stirpibus vel plantis ordine alphabeticó digestis epitome, longe quam antehac, per Ioannem Brohon Constantinatam, locupletior, emendatorisque edita. Cui accesserunt volatilium, gressilium, placentarumque magis frequentium apud Gallias noia, per leodegarium a Quercu
[47] pp. Cadomi [Caen], M. Angier [not Augier, as in Pritzel no. 2446], 1541. 8°

Alphabetical list, enlarged edition of Quercu, I. In Ruelle de stirpium epitome . . . Paris, 1539; list of animals, etc. unchanged. Apparently connected with Ruelle, De nature stirpium (1536). Listed in Pritzel under Leger Duchesne, the French equivalent of Leodegarius a Quercu.

Collationé no. 82. No annotations.
Vol. 1: xii, 650 pp., Paris, J. P. Costard, 1770. 8°
Vol. 2: 651 pp., Paris, J. P. Costard, 1770. 8°
Vol. 3: 643 pp., Paris, J. P. Costard, 1770 [1771 according to Adanson].
8° [From p. 529 *Flora Gallica*]

"Collationé Adanson." Annotated, especially in the dictionary proper, in part 4 the index of diseases, on p. lxii the Méthode de Linn., p. clxxi, and the last pages.

AD 23 Buc'hoz, [Pierre-Joseph] *Prospectus* Nouveau traité physique et économique... de toutes les plantes... Seconde édition.
6 pp. [preserved], Paris, "chez l'auteur." 1787. 8°

Ample description of the proposed series of "dissertations" accompanied with colored plates, of which the first volume "paroit actuellement," containing twenty dissertations and thirty-two plates, specifying the plants treated. The price is to be 66 livres for the dissertations separately, or 60 livres for the complete first volume. Concluded with a list of books by the author available at his address, or just in reprint. The list is incomplete, because Adanson removed last leaf. Annotated only with abstracts. Originally filed in *Dictionnaire de botanique* under Végétaux.

AD 24 Buc'hoz, [Pierre-Joseph] *Dissertation deuxième, en forme de compte rendu, à l'Institut National, spécialement à la classe des Sciences et Arts, et à la section de l'Economie Rurale et Végétale, des travaux économiques et vétérinaires de P. J. Buc'hoz*

A list of his publications, indicating the field, the recognition or lack of recognition be received, and plainly showing his quest for recognition. No annotations.


AD 26 Catalogue des arbres et arbrisseaux qui se peuvent élever en pleine terre aux environs de Paris
[ii], 70 pp. Paris, J. Bullot, 1735. 12°
Collationé Adanson No. 78. Not annotated.


Catalogue des plantes du Jardin de Mrs. les Apoticares de Paris . . . [cf. AD 47]

AD 28 CAVANILLES, Abbé Antonio José (1745-1804) Dissertatio botanica de Sida, et de quibusdam plantis quae cum illa affinitatem habent [ii], 44 pp., 13 pls. Paris, F. A. Didot, 1785. 4°
Annotated. On title-page: “Adanson 1785 Adanson” (at base of vignette); “doné le 10 janvier 1786 par Cavanilles abbé.” Critical remarks on Linnaeus noted (p. 24) and on Cavanilles (p. 29). Added information on the native locality of some plants described by Cavanilles, e.g., Sida biflora (“Cap Manuel et Ins. Goré, ex herbario Adansoni”) and S. frustescens [sic] (Senegal). Plates heavily annotated with names and details preparatory to cutting and filing in Adanson’s collection of figures [AD 128]. However, that collection includes the same plates from another copy. Académie approbation signed by Adanson and Antoine-Laurent de Jussieu and dated 13 avril 1785 is on p. 43-44. Probably the report for this approbation was prepared by A.-L. de Jussieu, for Cavanilles studied many plants from the de Jussieu herbarium; no draft of it exists in this collection.

AD 29 CAVANILLES, Abbé Antonio José [Secunda dissertatio botanica. De Malva, Lavatera, Alcea, Althaea et Malachra]
23 pls. [Paris, F. A. Didot, 1786]. 4° [Plates only]
No annotations present except Cavanilles’ name and the figure numbers on the first plate. Two letters of, or on behalf of, Cavanilles were in this work and are now removed [cf. AD 177, 178]. Plate numbers were added on most of the plates (not in Adanson’s hand), showing them to be proofs.
The last plate is pencilled, and later inked, xxxvi. In the printed book this plate has an engraved mark A. The paper of these plates, except for p. 35, is larger, whiter, and thicker than of the printed work, but which has the same bluish paper as pl. 35. The second letter [AD 178] suggests that this plate was sent to Adanson after the others, indicating it to be of the printed work. The Approbation was given by the Académie on March 1, 1786, but Adanson was not then a commissaire. Cavanilles’ letter suggests that Adanson never answered it nor invited Cavanilles to see his herbarium, hence Cavanilles never sent the rest of the book to Adanson.

Collationé Adanson No. 88. No annotations.


“Lu à l’Académie le 13 Décembre 1775.” Apparently a reprint from Mémoires de l’Académie des Sciences, with separate pagination and signatures. A few annotations are present.


Annotated, mostly with abstracts. Vol. 1 marked: “Collationé 1762 Adanson.”

No annotations except the remark inside the front cover: "Acheté à Genève 7 l[ivres]" [in 1779].

Considérations sur les Mœurs . . . [cf. AD 51].

AD 36 Continuation des choses les plus remarquables arrivées par route l'Europe & autres parties du monde, depuis le mois de Septembre de l'Année 1783, jus- qu'audit mois de l'Année 1784 Liège, n.d.

Of this work, only the following five leaves are present:

Regle Du Jardinage sur chaque mois de l'année
[4] leaves cropped, including the title-page, part of gathering E, second leaf with signature E ij. 16°?

Moyen pour conserver les fruits
[Unnumbered and unsigned cropped leaf, 2 p.].

Not annotated except for subjects ("jardinage, succession" and "fruits"). Originally filed in Dictionnaire de botanique [AD 333].

AD 37 [Corti, Bonaventura] (1729-1813) [Review] . . . découverte singuliè re sur la circulation de la sève dans les plantes Ex Gazette de Littérature, des Sciences et des Arts No. 64 p. [1]-2, [Paris], Samedi 20 Aoust 1774. 8°? [Clipping]

Not annotated except for the subject heading. Originally filed with Corti's first letter [AD 183]. Protoplastmic movement clearly described as "sap movement."

AD 38 Corti, Bonaventura Osservazioni microscopiche sulla Tremella e sulla circolazione del fluido in una pianta acquajula 207, [1] pp. 3 pls. [folded] Lucca, G. Rocchi, 1774. 8°

Annotated on plates only. Discussed in Adanson's reply to Corti's second letter [AD 184].
AD 39 Corti, Bonaventura *Lettere sulla circolazione del fluide scoperta in varie piantes*
48 pp. 1 folded plate including 5 figures. Modena, Società Tipografica, 1775. 12°

No annotations except subject notation on cover. Cf. Corti’s letters [AD 183, 184] and Adanson’s replies.


Content: (1) Letter to a “Colon de l’Isle de France, par un autre Colon . . .” pp. 1-24. (2) Abstracts from works of Valentin (Michael Bernhard Valentinii, 1657-1729) and Rumphius (Georg Eberhard Rumphf, 1628-1702) pp. 25-38; (3) “Lettre à Monsieur Fréron, . . .” pp. 59-71. The author, who, according to Adanson’s annotation is Monsieur Cossigny, discusses the introduction of spices, clove, nutmeg, and cinnamon, in East-African islands by Poivre (cf. AD 343) and advocates a delay while awaiting fruiting; in the last part the introduction of coffee plants in Martinique and Guiana is discussed. The Approbation is dated 25 Jan. 1775.

AD 41 Covolo, (Conte) Giovambatista dal *Discorso della irritabilità d’alcuni fiori nuovamente scoperta* xxiv pp. Firenze, G. Albizzini, 1764. [Plates or plate missing.]

For accompanying autograph letter dated 12 Jan. 1765 cf. AD 185. Collationé Adanson No. 90. Annotated on title-page only.


No annotations except date of receipt.


A second letter is dated 30 Mars 1775. [iv], 71 pp. [Paris, 1772]. 8°

No annotations except full names of author and addressee, partly illegible.
AD 44 De La Croix, D[emetrius] [pseudonym for D. MacEncroe] *Connubia florum latino carmine demonstrata. Cum interpretatione Gallica D******** vii, 38 pp. Paris, Theobustea, 1728. 8°


Collationé 1785 Adanson. Annotated throughout, copiously so in the subject index on last page. "La vie du Chancelier François Bacon," p. 1-245, is said to have been translated by Pouillot from the original English of David Mallet.


"Collationé." Annotated. For English translation see Hunt Cat. 702.

AD 47 [Descemet, Jean] (1732-1810) *Catalogue des plantes du Jardin de Mrs. les Apoticaires de Paris suivant leurs genres & les caractères des fleurs, conformément à la méthode de Monsieur Tournefort dans son edition Françoise de 1694 102 pp. Paris, 1741 [last date in volume is 8 VII 1741. Cover lacking, leaves loose]. 8°

"Collationé Adanson No. 77." Annotated.

Heavily annotated, in part sharply critical e.g., the short citation reprinted by Chevalier (1934) is incomplete. The omitted portion reads, “Manoeuvre bien lâche et basse en emplissent le nom de Durande célèbre très considéré par Jussieu et Lansel [?] rapporteur au ministre Luc. Bonaparte . . .” [who was minister during the preparations of the work]. However, this insinuation is certainly in error as concerns Durande, for the Dijon botanist Jean-François Durande died in 1794 and could not have known the printed Tableau of Ventenat. Probably Adanson was misled by the first sentence of the introduction: Since I have long been in possession of a copy of the “carte botanique” of Durande. This older “carte” [cf. Pritzl no. 2559, or Catalogue of the British Museum (Natural History)] is reported as Méthode de Linné and was published in 1781. The British Museum (N. H.) Catalogue ascribes (p. 412) a later edition of the 1801 “carte” to G. D. Deshayes, and on p. 444 to Gérard Paul Deshayes (1795–1875). This is an error, as is seen when one compares year of birth with first date of publication. His works apparently are restricted to zoology, especially to malacology, starting about 1833. The 1801 “carte” is ascribed to G. P. Deshayes by Pritzl (no. 2498 in 1831 edition, and no. 2181 in the 1872 edition), and also by J. Decaisne in the catalogue of the Jussieu library (op. cit. nos. 1038 and 1390). Possibly the author is the father of the malacologist.

This book was accompanied by a short letter signed Aristène, 8 Messidor An 9 (27 June 1801) [AD 227], who was asked to forward this book to Adanson. This is recorded by Adanson on the title-page as follows: “Reçu le 27 juin 1801 (8 Messidor an 9) à 11. heure. du matin de la part d’Aristenète (Felix Nogaret) qui étoit chargé de cette commission de . . .”

Ex Lamarck’s Encyclopédie [with]: Supplement of 18 Août 1786. Annotated.

Ex Lamarck’s Encyclopédie. Annotated.

AD 52 Duhamel du Monceau, [Henri-Louis] (1700-1782) *Traité de la garance et de sa culture* [2nd ed.]

AD 53 Du Petit-Thouars, [Louis-Marie] Aubert (1758-1831) *Histoire des végétaux recueillis sur les isles de France, la Réunion et Madagascar* 
Première partie: xvi, 40 p., 10 pls. n. p. 1804. 4°
Annotation: "donné par l'auteur ce 15 avril 1804."

AD 54 Du Petit-Thouars, [Louis-Marie] Aubert *Phytologie ou tableau générale de la botanique*
176 pp., folding table, [no publisher], n. p. [probably Paris], [1811].
This book, lacking a title-page, contains a ""Tableau synoptique de la phytologie"" and 120 pp. of explanations and discussions.
This tableau comprised a course of twenty séances, held in the Pépinière impériale du Roule from 20 June to 3 August 1811. Other papers in this volume are: *Plan d'une histoire générale des plantes*, formée principalement de l'ouvrage de M. Adanson, intitulé Familles des plantes (pp. 120-132), and *Notice historique sur les efforts que j'ai faits jusqu'à présent pour publier les matériaux que j'ai recueillis sur la botanique* (pp. 133-176). This copy is inscribed to M. [Alexandre] Adanson by Payer. The author unsuccessfully sought the place held by Adanson in the Institut after Adanson's death.

AD 55 Ellis, John (1710?-1776) *Description du mangostan et du fruit à pain*
64 pp. 3 folded pls. Rouen, 1779. 8° [On last page]: "Approbation Adanson" dated "7 III 1778." 4°
No annotations except names on plates.

AD 56 *Encyclopédie oeconomique*
16 volumes, Yverdon, 1770-1771. 8°
Annotated.

AD 57 Ferrand, _______de *Mémoire raisonné sur l'avantage de semer du trèfle en prairies ambulantes*
Approbation "signé, Adanson." The last date in the volume is 24 March 1769.

Few annotations: "de Ferrand, Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal & Militaire de S. Louis."

AD 58 Fillassier, _______ Tableau général des principaux objets qui composent la Pépinière dirigée par M. F. à Clamart, année 1781 et 1785 8 pp. Paris, Clousier, [1784?] [Last date is 5 Nov. 1784]. 8°
Annotated on first page only, subject entries added for filing.

AD 59 Flamen D'Assigny, M. De l'agriculture considérée dans ses rapports avec l'économie politique d'ou l'on déduit la nécessité d'établir des fermes expérimen-tales pour fonder l'art agricole 38 pp. Paris, [no publisher], An 12 (Fructidor) Sept. 1804. 4°
Annotations "Reçu 12 bre [Sep.] 1804."


Annotated, p. 30, 33, with contradictions to printed statements. (Cites Pallas, Praef. elenchum zoophytorum p. 54, 1767.)

Collationé Adanson No. 55. Only annotation is on title-page "2 vol. 30 livres."

This separately paged reprint contains the report of the committee to the Académie on Adanson’s plan for an encyclopedia [AD 8] with the recommendation that he publish separately the materials which are the result of his own research. The final draft apparently was written by Desmaest. No annotations, except at top: “C’est le seul Exemplaire qui me reste avc mon memoire (à garder) ici 2 pièces Adanson 1779.”


Last date is 16 Nov. 1675; “achevé d’imprimer”; date of registration “17 Févr. 1665.” No annotations. Stamped “E:D”.

AD 65 Gronovius, Jan Frederik (1611-1671) Flora orientalis, sive recensio plantarum, quas botanicorunm coryphaeus Leonhardus Rauwolfius, medicus augustanus, Annis 1573, 1574, et 1575 in Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Assyria, Armenia, and Judæa crescentes observavit, et collegit . . . [xxiv], 151 pp. Lugdunum Batavorum, E. de Groot, 1755. 8°
Collationé Adanson No. 72. Not annotated.


Annotated with abstracts.

Annotated, for the most part with abstracts. Collationé Adanson 1782. The first edition, published 1758, aroused the anger of the clergy and was publicly burned in February 1759.
AD 68 Hervy, Michel-Christophe *Catalogue méthodique et classique de tous les arbres, arbustes fruitiers et des vignes formant la collection de l'école impériale établie près le Luxembourg* [iv], 63 pp. Paris, Impr. Imper., 1809 [last date in volume is 13 Mai 1809]. 4°

No annotations.

AD 69 *Histoire des plantes de l'Europe et des plus usitées ... suivant l'ordre du Pinax de Gaspard Bauhin*
Vol. 1: xxxvi, 442 pp. Lyon, Frères Duplicain, 1762. 8°
Vol. 2: 424 + 78 pp. Lyon, Frères Duplicain, 1762. 8°

No annotations. Perhaps owned by another member of the family. Referred to as "le petit Bauhin." Often ascribed to the publisher of its first edition—J. B. de Ville.

AD 70 Hoffmann, Georg Franz (1761-1826) *Historica Salicum iconibus illustrata*
Fasciculus 1; 32 pp. Tab. 1-5. 1785.
Fasciculus 2; 16 pp. Tab. 6-10. 1785.
Fasciculus 3; 18 pp. Tab. 11-16. 1785.
Fasciculus 4; [ii, title-page], 12 pp. Tab. 17-24. 1787.

No annotations by Adanson.

AD 71 Kaeppfer, Engelbert (1651-1716) *Amoenitatem exoticarum ...* [viii], 912, [16] pp., [90 pls., many folded]. Lemgovia, H. W. Meyerus, 1712. 4°

Collationé Adanson 1775. Annotated, especially plates of plants.

AD 72 Labergerie, Jean-Baptiste Rougier [Baron de] (1759-1836) *Mémoire sur la culture, le commerce et l'emploi des chanvres et l'ins de France pour la marine et les arts* [ii], 33 pp. [Paris], [1800] “Lu à l’Institut national le 21 nivose an 8.” 4°

Unopened, no annotations except date and subject heading on title-page.
AD 73 La Billardière, Jacques-Julien [de] (1755-1834) Icones plantarum Syriae rariorum, descriptionibus et observationibus illustratae
Decas prima. 22 pp. Paris, [the author], 1791. 4°
Decas secunda. 18 pp. Paris, [the author], 1791. 4° [lacks plates]

Two copies, annotated differently. Second copy, "Doné par l'auteur le 26 août Mardi 1800 Adanson."

AD 74 La Lande, [Joseph-Jerome] de (1732-1807) Éloge de M. Commerson
99 pp. [Paris, 1775]. 12°

Reprint or preprint from Journal de physique, chimie, histoire naturelle, arts 5: 89-110; 8: 357-362 [cf. Pritzel]. Annotated critically. Commerson is said to have attacked systematists; Adanson annotated many of the quoted statements of Commerson as "fou."

AD 75 Le Joyand, [Claude-François] Notices sur la vie, les travaux, des découvertes, la maladie et la mort de Michel Adanson, . . .
39 pp., Paris, A. Bertrand, 1806. 8°


Lettre sur les arbres à epiceries . . . cf. AD 40

AD 76 Lettsom, John Coakley (1744-1815) Le voyageur naturaliste, ou instructions sur les moyens de ramasser les objets d'histoire naturelle, & de les bien conserver. Traduit de l'anglois sur la seconde édition . . . auquel on a joint l'art de calmer les flots de la mer, . . .
[ii], xxii, [2], 211, 42 pp. Amsterdam, [no publisher] 1775. 12°

Few annotations.

AD 77 Lévesque, P[ierre]-C[harles] (1736-1812) L'homme moral, ou l'homme considéré tant dans l'état de pure nature, que dans la société
[vi], 279 pp. Amsterdam, 1775. 8°

Annotated. Subject index added.
AD 78 Liège, Jacques-César (?) Expositio et dissertatio publicae de speciebus quae theriacam senioris andromachi, et theriacam coelestem ingrediuntur

"No. 134 (1)" is on the title-page. No annotations except this number and subject heading.

AD 79 Linnaeus, Carl (1707-1778) Fauna suecica
[xxix], 411 pp. [Title plate present, two other plates lacking]. Stockholm, L. Salvius, 1746. 8°
Collationé Adanson No. 18. Annotated.

AD 80 Linnaeus, Carl Flora zeylanica
Bound with it: Dassow, C. M. Nova genera plantarum zeylanicarum. Diss. acad. sub præsidio Linn. 15 pp. 1747.
Collationé Adanson No. 70. Annotated.

AD 81 Linnaeus, Carl Genera plantarum 2nd ed.
[Publ. 1744; date of Privilège, 31 Dec. 1743]. 8°
Collationé Adanson No. 67. Copiously annotated. [For 2nd copy cf. also AD 82]

AD 82 Linnaeus, Carl Genera plantarum 2nd ed.
Stamped "É-D", no annotations. The two following Linnaean titles are bound with it:

Systema naturae 4th ed. 
[iii], 108 pp. [fold. table facing p. 23]. Paris, M. A. David, 1744. 8° [For another copy see AD 86].

Fundamenta botanica
AD 83 LINNAEUS, Carl  _Materia medica, liber I. de plantis_  [xxxii], 252 pp., frontisp. Amstelaedamum, J. Wetstenium, 1749. 8° [Lacks the folding table.]

Annotated. Collationé Adanson No. 71.

AD 84 LINNAEUS, Carl  _Philosophia botanica_  [vi], 362 pp., portr. 11 tab. Stockholmiae, G. Kiesewetter, 1751. 8°

Annotated. Collationé Adanson No. 69.

AD 85 LINNAEUS, Carl  _Species plantarum_ [2 vols. in 1.]
Vol. 1: [xii], 560 pp. Holmiae, L. Salvius, 1753; vol. 2: [ii], 561–1200, [32] pp. Holmiae, L. Salvius, 1753. 8° [Publication date of May 1 arbitrarily fixed for both volumes.]

Collationé Adanson No. 68, 1754. Abundantly annotated by Adanson, especially the index. Inscribed by Linnaeus to B. de Jussieu on the title-page. [cf. Figs. 31, 33.]

AD 86 LINNAEUS, Carl  _Systema naturae_  4th ed.  [ii], 108 pp. [fold. table facing p. 23] Paris, M. A. David, 1744. 8°

Collationé Adanson No. 11. Annotated. [For another copy cf. AD 82]. Includes also his _Fundamenta botanica_ (1744); for description cf. AD 82.

AD 87 LINNAEUS, Carl  _Systema naturae_  7th ed.  viii, 224, 30 pp., 8 tab., portr. Lipsiae, G. Kiesewetter, 1748. 8°

Collationé Adanson 1748 No. 12; this number later was changed by him to "II (i)". Adanson’s notation date is apparently a repetition of that on the title-page; the portrait imprint is dated 1749. Adanson received this copy in Senegal in 1750 (fide Collection Requien Itrrs. No. 33, Bibli. Avignon). Copiously annotated, many generic names added, plus an _Index gallicus_ (a list of French names).

AD 88 LINNAEUS, Carl  
_Systema naturae_  12th ed.  2 vols.
Mantissa plantarum

Annotated, some pages copiously so.

AD 89 [Linnaeus, Carl] [Prospectus] Traduction complète des ouvrages de Charles Linné augmentées de notes critiques, & de la description d’un grand nombre d’espèces & de genres nouveaux qui ne se trouvent point dans Linné
6 pp. [2 pp. removed by Adanson, apparently of unrelated material]. Paris, Guillot, 1787. 4°

Annotated with sarcastic comments. Contains an advertisement of the French edition of Philip Miller Dictionnaire des jardiniers noting that vol. 7 will appear next June, vol. 8 (the last) in July a month later “without delay.”

AD 90 [Linnaeus, Carl] Invitations for commemoration of Charles Linnaeus

Four printed invitations. [26 Juillet, 30 Juillet, 4 Aout, 22 Aout 1790, their dates of receipt by Adanson.] Signed by “Association des Naturalistes de Paris. André Thouin et A. L. Millin, Secrétaires.”

Annotated sarcastically, and with: “non répondue.” Includes the invitation to the dedication of a new Linnaeus bust which was soon destroyed during the French Revolution, when mistaken for one of Charles IX.

AD 91 Mallet, M. Mémoire sur le Quinquina de la Martinique, connu sous le nom de Quinquina-Piton
14 pp. [Paris, 1779]. 4°

A few annotations are on first page. “Lu dans la séance publique de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris tenue le 9 Xbre 1779.” Probably a repaged reprint from a periodical of this “Faculté.”

AD 92 Marsili, Giovanni Fungi carrariensis historia
xl pp. Patavio, J. B. Penade, 1766. [Last date: 18 Sept. 1766.] 4°

Collationé Adanson No. 89. Annotations few. Inscribed to Adanson by Marsili.
AD 93 Martin, Lettre à l’auteur des mémoires littéraires, etc.

Treats the medical properties of a remedy utilizing a species of a “coralline” unknown to de Jussieu.

No annotations, except subject heading. Originally filed under the subject: Coralline, vermifuge, in Dictionnaire de botanique. Accompanied by clipping:

Jacquart, Observation de M. Jacquart sur l’effet de la Coralline contre les vers


AD 94 Massac, M. de Mémoire sur la qualité et sur l’emploi des engrais
163 pp. Paris, Ganeau, 1767. 8°


Collationé Adanson No. 104, 1767. Presented to Adanson 15 May 1767 [cf. AD 217.]

AD 95 Medicus, Friedrich Casimir (1736-1808) Index plantarum horti electorallis manhemiensis

Sent to Adanson by Thouin [cf. AD 243] on behalf of Medicus.


Collationé Adanson No. 43, 1754. Annotated.

AD 97 Michelin, et Jamin, Ferdinand Visite à . . . Baleine commune de Villeneuve-sur-Allier, appartenant à M. Doumet
Ex Journal de la Société nationale d’horticulture de France, numéro d’Août 1881, pp. 519-527.
GYNANDRIA, POLYANDRIA. Z 35.


Rompha. planta indiae orientalis. Zan. hist. 105. fig. 15.

Habitat in India.


Arum minus triphyllum f. Arilurum, pene viridi, virginianum. Morif. hist. 3 p. 547. f. 13. t. 5. f. 43.

Arum f. Arilurum: triphyllum minus, pene atrorubente, virginianum. Plut. ab. 52. t. 77. f. 5.

Habitat in Virginia, Brasilia. 3. nota, foliis sosporatis et rubris.

Plantae brasiliensis: foliis lateraliis extorsis lobatis, virginianae autem tantum gibba, tandem tamet suadet Floris structura.

* Acaulia, folii simplicibus.


Arum, trilobato folio, humilissimus & minus zeylanicum.

Herm. par. 75. t. 78. Qazi. f. suppl. 573. fr. 24.

Arum umile zeylanicum latifolium, ptilillo coccineo.


Habitat in Zeylona. 2. in pileolo coloratus, nigris foliis, pedicellis saepe tenuissimis, 3. in Euphorbiaceae, ann. 5.

ARUM acaule, folii peltatis ovatis repandis: basi seco- Colocasia.


Arum maximum aegyptium quod vulgo Colocasia.

Bauf. bin. 195.


Habitat in Creta. Cypri, Syria, Egypti agnos. 2 109 222.

ARUM acaule, folii peltatis ovatis integerrimis: basi centicentrum. f. 62.


Habitat in America. 2. in pileolo coloratus, nigris foliis, pedicellis saepe tenuissimis, 3. in Euphorbiaceae, ann. 5.

ARUM acaule, folii peltatis cordatis repandis: basi macroni.

bipartitis. Fl. zeyl. 327. Roy. ingdb. 7.

P p p 3

Arum
AD 98 MOUTON-FONTENILLE [de la Clotte, Marie-Jacques-Philippe] (1769-1837) Tableau des systèmes de botanique généraux et particuliers; . . . [iv], 212 pp. 100 tables (2 fold.) [not paged], 95, 55 pp. Lyon, L’Auteur, Reymann et C., F. Leclerc et C°, V° Brette, An VI [1798]. 8°


AD 99 MUNTING, Abraham (1626-1683) Phytographia curiosa, exhibens arborum, fruticum, herbarum et florum icones, . . . [xxviii], 48 pp., 245 pls. Amsterdam, R. et S. Wettstenios, 1713. F°

Collationé 1785 (this indication later obliterated by Adanson). A few plates annotated with Adanson’s generic names.


AD 101 PARKINSON, John (1567-1650) [Theatrum botanicum] Index nominum huius operis latinis Pp. 1689-1720 only. [London, 1640].

Annotation: “J’ai extrait tout ce catalogue dans mon grand dictionnaire universel d’hist[oire] nat [urelle].” The copy was cut up for Adanson’s plate collection [AD 128].

AD 102 [PELLETIER DE FRÉPILLON, _________] Essais sur la taille des arbres fruitiers 60 pp., 5 pls. [Paris], L. F. Delatour, [1773].

The title-page identifies this as being written by “une Société d’Amateurs”; Adanson notes on same page, “Par M. Pelletier de Frépillon, ecuyer, fourrier de la Maison du Roi, a Frépillon vallée de Montmorenci par Poilly.” Annotated, especially on the plates.

Fig. 33. Facsimile of page 965 of Linnaeus, Species plantarum (1753) [AD 85] copiously annotated by Adanson.

“No. 2 Collationé Adanson.” An inscription on the title-page in another ink reads: “Doné au prix de Poésie greke et Latine sur ‘Omère entier, Théocrite et Pindare, et sur Virgile et Horace. aux colleges Ste Barb. et Duplessis-Sorbon, ainsi que mon Aristote en 2 volumes fol. Adanson 1739.” This year date is not clear and could be read as 1737. However, an annotation at the end of the text of the book, on p. 273, reads clearly: “Adanson 1739”. An older inscription on the title-page is: “Collegii Parisiensis Soc. Jesu.” The binding is stamped with the coat of arms of Louis XIII. The text is annotated by Adanson throughout.


New title-page of Opera Omnia 1720 added in each volume.

Many parts copiously annotated. “Collationé 1769 Adanson,” obliterated by him. “Exemplaire d’Anti d’Isnard de l’Académie des Sciences de Paris acquis et augmentée par moi (Adanson en 1754)” on title-page of vol. 4. “Paié 380 [livede] à M. Gamel en 1769” on inside of front cover of most volumes; this date changed to 1754 in a few volumes. The plates are annotated by two hands: one, apparently Adanson’s, preparatory to cutting for his collection [cf. AD 128]; the second is uniform and large, adding numbers and descriptive phrases to unnamed figures, etc. Unless this is the addition mentioned above by Adanson, it could be the hand of Isnard.

AD 105 *Portrait du Solitaire des Ardennes précédé d’un entretien avec ses fleurs et d’un détail de sa vie champêtre*
43 pp. Aux Ardennes, 1789. 8°
[Printed for relief of a famine in the Ardennes. A journal Bouillon “15 VII 1789” is mentioned.]

Annotated. “Paié 3 livres 5 août 1789.”
Treats legal aspects of grain milling apparatus.

AD 107  Priestley, Joseph (1733-1804)  Manière d'impregnner l'eau d'air fixe, et de
lui communiquer les propriétés de l'Eau de Pyrmont, . . . Ouvrage traduit de
l'Anglois, par M. *** . . . (Ex Journal d'observations sur la Physique, sur
l'Histoire naturelle & sur les Arts et Métiers, par M. l'Abbé Rozier . . .)
[probably vol. 2] 37 pp., 1 pl., 12° [Paris, 1773?]
Printed with it (pp. 39-51) is Extrait de deux mémoires . . . by M. Venel
[Gabriel-François] (1723-1775).
No annotations except subject heading at top of title-page.

AD 108  Quer y Martinez, José (1695-1764)  Dissertation physique & botanique
sur la maladie nephétique et sur son véritable specifique le raisin d' ours (Uvi
Ursi) Traduit de l'Espagnol.
60 pp. 1 plate. Strasbourg, J. G. Bauer, Paris, Durand, 1768. 8°
Collationé Adanson No. 92 (i). Annotations on plate only.

AD 109  Réponse aux objections sur la culture de Melon, adressée à M***. Ex An-
nonces, affiches et avis divers de Picardie, Artois, Soissonnois et Pays-Bas
François No. 26, Samedi 29 Juin 1771. Pp. 101-104. 4 pp. Amiens,
Godart, 1771. 4° [The complete issue of this serial.]
Annotated. Originally filed under “Melon” in Dictionnaire de Botanique [AD 333].

AD 110  Résultat Général Du Dépouillement Du Scrutin pour la liste indicative des
candidats qui ont obtenu des suffrages pour la nomination d'un membre du Sénat
conservateur, le 25 pluviose an 8 [14 Feb. 1799]
The list of candidates nominated for the Senate. Adanson and A.-L. de
Jussieu are included. Annotated.

AD 111  Rouelle, [Hilaire-Marin] (1718-1779)  Expériences . . . Analyse du petit-
lait préparé sans crème de tartre
18 pp., [Paris], Vincent, 1773. 8°
Ex *Journal de Médecine, Chirurgie, Pharmacie &c.* Mars 1773.
Annotated with abstracts and with subject headings on title-page. Treats more than the sub-title indicates.

**AD 112 Rouelle, [Hilaire-Marin] Observations sur l'air fixe & sur ses effets dans certaines eaux minérales, &c.*
18 pp., [Paris], Vincent, 1773. 8°
Ex *Journal de Médecine, Chirurgie, Pharmacie &c.* Mai 1773.
Annotated with abstracts; subject heading on title-page.

**AD 113 Rouelle, [Hilaire-Marin] Observations sur les fécules ou parties vertes des plants, & sur la matière glutineuse ou végétale animale*
20 pp., [Paris], Vincent, 1773. 8°
One annotation is on last page.

**AD 114 Rouelle, [Hilaire-Marin] Réponse . . . aux observations de M. Desbois de Rochefort, sur l'analyse du lait, &c.*
15 pp., [Paris,] Vincent, 1773. 8°
Ex *Journal de Médecine, Chirurgie, Pharmacie, &c.* Décembre 1773.
Annotated with subject heading only.

**AD 115 Rouelle, [Hilaire-Marin] et D'Arcet [Jean] (1727-1801) Expériences . . . sur la quantité d'or qu'on retire de la terre végétale, entre autres, & des cendres des végétaux*
19 pp., [Paris, c. 1778]. 8°
Annotated with abstracts only. Probably a reprint.

**AD 116 Rousselon, , Notice biographique et nécrologique sur Mme Aglaé Adanson*
5 pp. [Paris, 1852].
Mentions Michel Adanson’s manuscripts.
AD 117 Rumford, comte de [Thompson, Benjamin] (1733-1814) Mémoires sur la chaleur
lxviii, 166 pp., Paris, Firmin Didot, An XIII-1804. 8º
Abundantly annotated. Leaves cut from binding and loose, rounded at the edges. “Rêçu . . . 12bre [Sept.] 1804 . . .”. Inscribed on half-title to Adanson by the author.

AD 118 Schabol, Abbé Jean-Roger (1690-1768) La pratique du jardinage. Ouvrage rédigé après sa mort sur ses Mémoires par M. D[e]*** [La Villehervé]
Vol. 1: [ii], xxvi, 384 pp. Paris, Debure, 1770. 8º
[Last date in volume is 30 Janv. 1770 (p. xxiii)]; [with a biography of Schabol]
Vol. 2: [ii], 308 pp. Pls. i-xviii (last plate folded) Paris, Debure, 1770. 8º
Annotated, mostly with abstracts.

AD 25 Schmidel, Casimir Christoph (1718-1792) De medulla radicis ad floram pertingente sisserit
Bound with Burman, N. L., Specimen botanicum de Geraniis.

AD 119 Serres, Olivier de (1539?–1619) Le théâtre d’agriculture et mesnages des champs. Nouvelle édition, augmentées des notes et d’un vocabulaire, publiée par la Société d’Agriculture du Département de la Seine
2 vols.
[Includes portrait and memorial of O. de Serres]
No annotations. Binding of this copy stamped as dedicated to Aglaé Adanson by the “Société Royale et Centrale d’Agriculture” and dated “25 avril 1824.”

AD 120 Sinclair, John (1754-1835) Projet d’un plan pour établir des fermes expérimentales
16 pp. 3 folded pls. Paris, [1800]. 4º
Annotated. “Recu à l’institut le 18 8bre 1800.” Possibly reprinted or pre-printed from a serial of the Institut.
AD 121 Sonnerat, [Pierre] (1749-1814) *Voyage aux Indes orientales et à la Chine, fait par ordre du Roi, depuis 1774 jusqu’en 1781: . . . 2 vols.*
Vol. 2: viii, 298 pp., pls. 81-85, Paris, l’auteur, Froullé, Nyon, Barrois le Jeune, 1782. 4°

Annotated. “Collationé 1785 Adanson.” The missing zoological and botanical plate nos. 86-140 were filed by Adanson in his plate collection [for botanical plates cf. AD 128]. One plate checked (no. 133) is an untrimmed leaf, but Adanson’s bound copy shows no trace of plates cut or removed. Stapf, in *Index Londinensis*, mentions plates in a separate Atlas, not cited by Pritzel for this edition (cf. Stapf sub *Ravenala madagascariensis*).

AD 122 Sue, Jean-Joseph (1760–1830) *Essai sur la physiognomonie des corps vivants, considérées depuis l’homme jusqu’ à la plante* [iv], 295 pp. Paris, Chez l’auteur & Du Pont, An V-1797. 8°


Treatment of grain against smut. No annotations except subject heading.

AD 124 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de (1656–1708) *Institutiones rei herbariae* 2nd ed. 3 vols.
Bound with this vol. is his *Corollarium Institutionem Rei Herbariae . . .* 58 pp. [Paris, 1703 fide Pritzel; last date in the work: 9 Dec. 1702].
Vol. 3: pls. 251-489. [n.p., n.d.]. 4° [The total number of plates is that of the 3rd ed. (476 in 2nd ed.) suggesting that vols. 2 and 3 are of the later ed.].

“No. 63 Collationé Adanson 1739.” Vol. 1 annotated, sect. VII [fruits] heavily so. Three annotated slips are loose in it. Bought by Adanson for 42 livres (cf. Adanson’s letter to Aved, AD 146 and Fig. 34).
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AD 125 Vaillant, Sébastien (1669-1722) *Botanicon parisense*  
[xviii], xii, [4], 205, [49] pp. Portr. [loose] Leiden-Amsterdam,  
Verbeek et Lakeman, 1727. F° [Lacks plates].

Collationé Adanson No. 52, 1754. Annotations critical of Bernard de  
Jussieu are on last page of preface.

AD 126 [Wolf, Nathanael Matthaeus von (1724-1784)] *De genera plantarum*  
vocabulis characteristicis definita  
177 pp. [+ 1 p. Errata, printed on back of new p. 177, originally  
with Concordantia, Dantiscum, 1780, pasted on back of title-page  
in this copy], [Danzig], 1776. 8°

Inscribed to “Addanson” signed “Dantzig 1780” on flyleaf (watermarked  
1779). No annotations except name of author. Another copy in Hunt Botanical  
Library has only the new page 177, with errata as part of the Concordantia.  
The work represents an interesting effort to assign code words to plant  
genera whereby each letter in a certain place indicates a special property  
of the genus.

AD 127 Würtz, Georg Christophor. *Dissertatio inauguralis medica de Affinitatibus Virtutum Medicatarum* . . .  
[iii], 36 pp., 1 engraved table [scheme] “G. C. W. inv. scrips. &  
exc.,” Argentorati, J. Lorenzii, 1777, 10 Sept. 4°

Annotated at motto only. Accompanied by an autograph letter of Würtz  
received 1783 [AD 245].

PLATE COLLECTION

AD 128 *Plate collection.*  
A collection of more than 10,000 printed figures of plant species cut from  
more than forty books and other publications. The original plates, when  
containing more than one species, were cut by Adanson and the figure of  
each was filed according to his classification. All plates and cut-up portions  
were arranged by him in paper folders according to his natural method  
of the Familles des plantes and grouped in seventeen bundles. Each plate or  
figure is annotated by him with an Adansonian name and usually with  
the source of the figure [cf. Figs. 27, 35].

HOLOGRAPH LETTERS

All letters were written to Adanson in French, unless indicated otherwise. The number of pages stated refer to the number of written pages;  
a leaf written on both sides is counted as two pages. The address, when
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TOURNEFORT
AQUISEXTIENSIS,
Doctoris Medici Parisiensis, Academiæ Regiæ Scientiarum Socii,
& in Horto Regio Botanices Professoris,
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HERBARIAE.
EDITIO ALTERA, GALlica LONGE AUCTION,
quingentis circiter Tabulis aequis adornata.
TOMUS PRIMUS.
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PARISIIS,
E TYPOGRAPHIA REGIA.
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Fig. 34. Title-page (reduced) of Tournefort, Institutiones . . . (1700) [AD 124] showing Adanson’s annotation of his "collationé" number.
on the back of a leaf, is not included in the page-count. Letters are arranged alphabetically by the name of the originator. In many of these letters Adanson wrote (often interlineally) either a copy of his reply or a trial draft of same. In other instances the mss. consists only of a draft in his hand, identified below as "draft."

The abstracts given below are selective and do not include all subjects treated nor all names of persons or places mentioned. None of the passages is to be considered a direct or free translation of the original letter. Spelling of dates cited are as in originals, as is that of all passages.

AD 129 Adanson, Madame [Jeanne] [Paris?] 1 Novembre 1783. 1 p.
[To Charles Cretté, marchand d'arbres à Vitry.]

Annotated on back re the number of trees delivered at Neuilly and their prices, with receipt for total. Added by Adanson: "bon pour [the sum referred to]." Accompanied by a list of numbers and names of the cultivars delivered [cf. AD 132].


Offers his services as censor of natural history and agriculture, and especially to revise papers for the Gazette d'Agriculture et de Commerce. Suggests the requirement of one "arpent" of land for each of the 300 races of wheat, with which he wants to experiment. The Compagnie des Indes is said to lack a responsible person knowing natural history, agriculture, and mining; Adanson suggests himself. No indication of a reply.


A list of names of plants, with plate numbers of Aublet, requested by Adanson from French Guiana.


Draft of a letter to de Condorcet with remarks and corrections on a printer's proof of the Éloge for Bernard de Jussieu, printed in Mémoires de l'Académie des Sciences 1777: 94-117, 1780. Adanson defends himself against the plagiarism
hinted at, contends that his méthode is opposite to de Jussieu's and gives details of his connection with de Jussieu in this respect. He says, indirectly, that he himself gave the answer to Jean-Jacques Rousseau, ascribed to de Jussieu in the eulogy, when Rousseau asked on a field trip which method in botany should be followed. The answer was: "none, he should study the plants in the order in which Nature offers them to him" (I.c. p. iii). Adanson cites the year and the place of the field trip. It is not certain that this letter was sent to de Condorcet, since the date is not filled in, and understandably Adanson was hesitant to accuse his friend Bernard de Jussieu. Later, on this same draft, he added the comment, "à imprimer avec les méthodes de Botanique qui m'ont suivi." Certainly de Condorcet did not change his statement in the final printing of the Éloge. Although this draft is undated, Adanson noted in a postscript added to it that he was sending a copy of his Histoire du Sénégal to de Condorcet, which suggests the reply did go to de Condorcet.

To Charles Cretté, marchd. d'arbres, Vitry.

Original small "billet" to repeat an order for eighty-seven kinds of fruit trees, to be delivered at his new address rue de la Rochefoucault.
Annotated to show actual numbers of plants delivered and their prices.
3rd page has a list of fruit trees and their prices, signed: "ce Lundi 1. 9bre. [Nov.]" Address side stamped with postmark. Accompanied with a list of a later shipment, 10 Novembre 1784, including seventy poutrettes of white mulberry.

AD 134 [ADANSON, Michel], [Paris.] 18 Juin 1767. 1 p.


Adanson returns a "dissertation" of M. Turra (apparently Farsetia, novum genus ...) Venetiis 1765), which he read without pleasure or profit, judging the author another "Arduin" in botany. His Farsetia is, according to Adanson, nothing else than a species of Lunaria, and he barely understands Adanson's méthode, when he thinks the corolla alone to be sufficient to distinguish Farsetia from Lunaria; it is Linnaeus' system and not Adanson's.


Draft of letter to Guettard, member of the Académie. Having read the memoir of M. ... sur l'arction [i.e. Arctium] of Dioscorides, M. Adanson notes that the author neglected to make some of the corrections, additions, and

Fig. 35. A selection from Adanson's collection of botanical plates and figures, showing cuttings from four sources mounted together and copiously annotated. An unpublished generic name is given to represent primarily the moss Bryum caespiticium [L.] Hedwig. [From AD 128.]
cancels indicated [by Adanson], and that his conclusion contradicts what Adanson had told him. Adanson returns the memoir to Guettard as unfit for presentation to the Académie, asking him to consider the objections raised and to accept the rejection he will request of the Académie as rapporteur of this paper.

Accompanied by two leaves (3 pp.) of Adanson's description of the genus and one species of [Arctium]. Originally filed in Dictionnaire de botanique under Arctium.

Catalogue des objets d'histoire naturelle du Mississippi [sic] demandés à Monsieur Le Sassier.

Comprises a list of wanted items: 4 minerals, 11 animals, 3 of plant materials.

AD 137 Adanson, [Michel], Paris, 17 Juin 1775. 3 pp.
To Mr. Robillart, Négociant, [Paris], "Pour mettre s'il lui pl[ait] à M. Le Grand."

An answer to a Prospectus for the Bibliothèque de Médecine, and for which Robillart apparently asked Adanson for biographical information. The poor treatment given by some authors of similar works to such requests caused Adanson to forget himself and to leave to posterity his distinctions between three types of scholars: (1) those who have the genius of invention and method, (2) those who have only the method, and (3) those who are only compilers. Nevertheless, Adanson sent a sketch of ideas of interest to him and of which truth will be the only merit, together with a sketch of his life and ideas, stressing his méthode naturelle.

AD 138 [Adanson, Michel] Paris, 15 Mars 1769. [1 p.; incomplete, for the first part is missing] [Addressee unknown, perhaps Albert von Haller.]

Gives directions for reciprocal shipments of plants and seeds. Criticizes Linnaeus sharply for his bad Latin, noting that Linnaeus' generic names of Scopola, Tillaea, and Jussiae should be Scopolia, Tillia, and Jussia, and that Pittonia, Jacquina, and Adansonia should be Pittona, Jacquina, and Adansona. Linnaeus did not lose his judgment, because Adanson could not find in his works the slightest trace of it. Adanson defies anybody to show him anything new [in Linnaeus' work] which warrants one hundredth of the celebrity which he acquired only by praising his pupils, although he cannot boast of having made one botanist, in contrast with Tournefort, who made the de Jussieu's, and other persons who will avenge this Age of usurpation.
Adanson reports that it is his intention to publish his “figures,” so that all naturalists may obtain them at the lowest price possible, 80 livres per 1,000 plates for subscribers and 100 livres for others, making the cost 2,400 to 3,000 livres for a complete set of 30,000 natural history plates. These would be well executed, with details drawn by Adanson himself, which would eliminate the expense of 10- to 30-thousand livres otherwise necessary for purchase of illustrated natural history books, and which often are so incomplete that time spent in search of such figures is lost.

He notes that this second edition of *Familles des plantes* is completely ready for publication, with accounts of new genera and other additions; it will not go to the printer before the *Histoire du Sénégal* is published, which the publisher promises to take up without delay.

**Adanson Collection**

**AD 139** d’Alembert, [a nom de plume for Jean LeRond, cf. AD 11] (1717-1783) Paris, 16 Mars[1772]. 1 p.
Asks Adanson to do what he can to enable M. L’abbé Remy [also written Remi] to attend Adanson’s “cours.”
A draft of Adanson’s reply notes that it is sufficient to be interested in behalf of someone if d’Alembert is; he will see what can be done, although the idea of easing the conditions of the *cours* had not occurred to him, for he has considerably expenses and hopes to be successful. Mentions also the recent death of his mother and ends with greetings from Madame Adanson.

**AD 140** Andriot,______, Arcy Sainte-Restitute [a Fère en Tardenois], 22 F[évrier] 1764.
Was charmed to receive Adanson’s letter. Reports on wheat growing methods in the region. Should prefer to rent the cheaper room with Mlle. Le Maux, provided M. Hauteclocq will release him from existing arrangement. Closes with a sentence in Ouolof [cf. p. 20].
Andriot, college friend of Adanson, was “officier du génie, chargé de l’entretien des forts de Saint-Louis et de Gorée” during Adanson’s stay in Senegal.
In his reply of 4 Mars 1764, Adanson thanks Andriot for details on wheat growing and asks for more information and seed samples from Damartin or other cereal-growing region. Plans to go himself to Damartin, but fears the bad roads; cannot go later than 25 Mars, wanting to start then daily observations on his seedlings. Mentions a notary Deshaies, hanged by effigy because of bankruptcy, remarking he will not have lost his appetite by that. Reports that his negotiations for the post at Louvain has not been completed. Advises Andriot not to envy people going to [French] India, because of politics. Ends with an Ouolof sentence, possibly concerning Senegalese persons known by both men.

Praised Adanson's *Familles des plantes* and Duhamel's *Eléments d'Agriculture* as precious, and hoped that M. Bombarde, who died in March of the previous year, would have introduced him to Adanson. Wants to be informed on good books in natural history so as to avoid falling into traps of charlatans like Dagoty and Buc'hoz; criticises Buc'hoz's first book sharply, and to which he was misled by the use of Adanson's name in the prospectus. Could not get Adanson's *Voyage* at several booksellers in Paris. Would be happy if Adanson would come to herborize with him in the country; facilities are at his disposal.

AD 142 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 17 Février 1767. 3 pp.

Gave Adanson's mémoire [cf. AD 274] at once to the "Procureur du Roy", who knows Villeneuve au Roy and of Adanson's plan to buy property there for 6,500 livres. Inasmuch as Adanson talked to him about finding an intelligent widow to run his household, Aved recommends his unmarried sister-in-law, the daughter of the late Marquis de Magnac, who lost his money in chemical experiments.

Draft of reply on address side, dated "22 Févr. 1767," discusses the possible purchase of the Villeneuve property, and plans a visit to Villeneuve au Roy.

AD 143 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 26 Février 1767. 3 pp.

Aved is willing to purchase the Villeneuve property for Adanson in his own name, to be reimbursed by Adanson later. Will introduce Adanson to his beautiful sister [-in-law] and seeks Adanson's advice on how to improve Aved's garden. Will show him a book of Wallerius *Essais chimiques d'agriculture*. Asks for 300 or 400 asparagus "pattes" and seed of Cardons.

No draft of reply. Adanson instead went to Chaumont [AD 366] on 3 March 1767 to see the Villeneuve property, returning on the 9th.

AD 144 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 9 Mars 1767.

Regrets inability to have crayfish for Adanson for dinner, but just after his departure, 200 crayfish were available. Aved's wife reminds Adanson of his word to return in August to construct a building at Villeneuve.

A draft of Adanson's reply dated "14 Mars 1767," reports delivering the snipes to Aved's mother and of embracing her on behalf of Aved and his spouse.
Notes that Aved's daughter did not permit him to do so; such was the situation in which a man finds himself when not too bold with the fairer sex. The coach gave him continuous inconvenience; the body broke in two and an iron strip and ropes used for repair made it as rough as a "charette," causing him pains that still inconvenience him. In Paris Adanson prepared about 100 fruit trees, flower bulbs and some of the most rare plants of his garden for shipment to Chaumont; a list of the plants is given as well as instructions for handling and planting them. Four hundred asparagus plants were sent to Mlle. de Magnac with the comment that, this "amiable philosophe" will not have found Adanson very gallant.


Acknowledges Adanson's letter of 14 March. Reports that the owner of the Villeneuve property has not replied. In case the Villeneuve acquisition might not succeed, another property 1.5 miles away is discussed. Mentions the possibility of his living part of the year in Paris.

AD 146  Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 28 Mars 1767, 4 pp.

Reports that he waited in vain for an answer from the owner of the Villeneuve property. Discusses other properties in the neighborhood. Makes plans for their living and gardening together either in Reclancourt, Harlicourt or elsewhere for the coming summer. All, from his wife to the cat, love Adanson but he needs solitude for himself to finish his great work.


Reports he will do all he can to have Adanson as a neighbor. Mentions plants Adanson sent to him; the Passion-flower remains dormant; tulips and hyacinths do not flower and their leaves begin to wither. The niece of a friend is in Paris for a few days and the small thermometer could be sent back by her. Aved asks in a postscript for two pomegranate trees with simple flowers and reports placing the fig trees en pleine terre and will try to carry them through the winter in accordance with Adanson's advice.

Adanson's draft in reply, dated 8 May 1767, discusses return of repaired thermometer and pomegranate trees with cultural instructions for many of Aved's plants. Says to abandon plans for the Villeneuve property, for he must live near Paris to attend to Académie affairs, and is buying the house where now living. Seeks land from the king for his wheat experiments
[cf. AD 130] and Aved can help in locating same in his region. If these plans fail, he will acquire a small property not more than about 5 to 6 lieues from Paris, to enable him to go to and return from Paris the same day.


Aved describes again an available property which he will finance for Adanson. Expresses his warm lifelong feeling of friendship. Aved will visit Adanson in Paris and promises to take him again to the “rentrée de l’Académie” in his carriage. Apparently this letter was sent before Adanson’s reply to AD 147. See AD 149 for draft of reply.

AD 149 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 19 May 1767. 3 pp.

Reports that everyone was sorry to learn of Adanson’s decision not to buy a residence in Villeneuve. A new scheme is proposed in great detail for residence for Adanson at almost no expense to him.

Draft of reply [to AD 148 and 149,] dated Paris 28 May 1767. Expresses his gratitude for sacrifices offered in his favour, and trusts that Aved will sense his embarrassment. Renounces his experiments with cereals; government aid is needed for the success of such a project which is completely beyond the capacity of a private individual, but will continue experiments on a small scale.

AD 150 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 4 Aout 1767, 3 pp.

Another property is described and suggested to Adanson. With this letter is an undated leaf of a letter of Aved to his mother, in Paris, describing some properties in Harlicourt to be provided to Adanson, which she apparently did, as Adanson’s address is in a hand other than Aved’s.

AD 151 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 26 Mars 1768. 3 pp.

Proposes to Adanson the free use of a property inherited from the Comte De Magnac at Chatronge [Chartronges is Chévalier’s spelling (1934, p. 99)], fifteen lieues from Paris.

In undated draft of reply, Adanson cites impossibility to accept proposal, his health denying him any kind of a voyage; must fulfill obligations and attend meetings of the Académie. Must not live more than 3 lieues at most from Paris, so as to tend his garden daily and to eat there after the Académie meetings. If the proposal would have fulfilled these requirements, he would have accepted it, but never as an outright gift.
This letter originally was on top of the packet of this group, with the manuscripts of the Villeneuve property [cf. AD 274], of which the upper one gave its dimensions. These elements were misinterpreted by Chevalier (AD 33, p. 99), who stated that Adanson rented in “Chartronges” a farm with the dimensions of the Villeneuve property. Adanson never bought or rented any of the properties mentioned in these letters, but did seriously consider that at Villeneuve au Roy.

AD 152 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 27 Decembre 1783. 3 pp.

Reports availability of a property in Saint-Martin, a village near Villeneuve auRoy, for the price of 30,000 livres. Aved’s seafaring son has brought some seeds which Adanson may have if wanted. Discusses Camus’ medical applications of electricity believing the results are at best not permanent. Sends greetings to Adanson’s wife and the “charmante Aglaë.”

Adanson’s reply, drafted interlinearly, regrets inability to accept Aved’s offers because his present home at Neuilly has been leased for nine years, and he cannot live more than 2 lieues from Paris because of his work. Discusses other points of Aved’s letter.

AD 153 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont en Bassigny, 21 Juillet 1784.[4]

Looked for Adanson each week since meeting him six weeks previous, and left him a letter which probably was not received. Saw Adanson’s place on the other side of the river at Neuilly. Offers him a house for the summer; acceptance alone will be sufficient compensation. Discusses plans for his own future, saying that he was applying for a position to the Contrôleur Général, M. de Calonne [Charles-Alexandre (1734-1802)], who had already favored the family. Mentions possibility for educating Adanson’s daughter, and the receipt of a stone from the Mississippi River, said to cure nervous spasms, even epileptic ones.

Adanson’s reply is on separate leaf, dated Paris, 18bre [Oct.] 1784. Apologizes for the silence following receipt of Aved’s former letter [not in this collection]. Reports that he now has regained his former liberty, so necessary for his serious and philosophical works and can devote himself to a friendship as sincere as Aved’s is for him, the only fault being the great distance between Chaumont and Paris. Notes that if Aved should move to Paris, the state of their fortunes should not differ too much if their’s is to be a pure and philosophical friendship! Reports that the stone of the Mississippi River is a jade whose only virtue is in one’s imagination.
AD 154 Aved, [Charles-François] Chaumont [en Bassigny], 21 May 1786. 3 pp.
Reports on delay in mulberry growth. Invites Adanson to dinner when Aved will be in Paris and to spend the summer with him in the country until the opening of the Académie. Will write soon to M. de Calonne to remind him that while Aved would not solicit justice for himself, he cannot prevent his friends from doing so. Will soon return Adanson's book of the emperor's.

AD 155 Aved, [Charles-François] [Chaumont en Bassigny], 1 juillet 1786. 2 pp.
Reports having just visited M. de Calonne for a position for himself, and asked him to remember the merited scientist [e.g., Adanson] who is neither used to nor has the time for soliciting and wasting his time in the "anti-chambres." Asks if he may stay with Aved when in Paris, will pay for it and both will be perfectly free, but could have meals together, to relieve him from the tedious Adanson so often experiences.

AD 156 Aved, [Charles-François] [Paris], 27 août 1786. 3 pp.
Wrote that he failed to see Adanson at former address and did not want to interrupt him in his garden. Would have rented an empty room at Palais Royal no. 44 if the earlier proposal to live as neighbors had been possible, but notes that Adanson prefers absolute solitude. Has not had word from M. de Calonne for a conference. Will certainly mention Adanson to de Calonne and tell him of fame it will bring to his ministry if it will publish Adanson's interesting and numerous manuscripts. A list of subscribers should be made.

AD 157 Aved, [Charles-François] [Paris], 8 7bre [Sept.] [17]86. 3 pp.
Reports not being able to talk with de Calonne, although at his audience on 2 August he promised to see Aved's brother and him at his ease, but nothing was heard since. Asks Adanson to accompany him to Chaumont or Reclancourt until the opening of the Académie season.

Reports the sad news of the death of his brother, Charles-François Aved. Asks for the place where Adanson permitted Charles-François to deposit securities.
AD 159 Aved de Loïzerolles, [Jean-Simon] Paris, 26 Mars 1793. 1 p.

Wants to purchase a copy of *Familles des plantes* for a friend, who cannot get it in any shop. The writer, an avocat before the Revolution, was executed in 1794, following a charge made against his son, whose name and age were changed in the documents to implicate the father. Ironically the verdict was reversed later; the father exonerated posthumously, and the property returned to his heirs.

Annotated, "Repondu le Mercredi 27 Mars 1793 a 9 h. matin," with draft of Adanson’s reply on the letter noting that all spare copies have been given away and no profit has been realized from the book.


Asks Adanson for the name of the author writing on drying of indigo leaves in India, of which Adanson had sent to him an extract.


Discusses *Familles des plantes* and emphasizes the importance of Adanson’s *Species plantarum* [AD 268]; asks when this will appear. Requests a list of the “phrases” of grape varieties. Mentions the proposed new edition of Pancoucke’s *Encyclopédie*. Defends Linnaeus, without being “Linnaeiste.”

Adanson’s draft of reply, dated Paris, 28 avril 1769, includes a harsh criticism of Linnaeus.


Advises Adanson that he was asked to write chronological outline of the history of botany for a book to be printed in Orleans titled *Botanicon parisiense*, and that much of his material was derived from Adanson. Asks whether Tournefort knew of sexuality in flowers. Invites Adanson to visit him.

Annotated, “recu . . . le 21.” Adanson’s draft of a reply, dated 22 May 1784, states that Tournefort did not know the sexuality of plants, though known to Theophrastus and much publicized by modern authors. Hopes to visit him at Saint-Germain.


Informs Adanson of the visit in France of Chevalier de Boufflers, governor of Senegal. Asks for a list of the most beautiful plants of Senegal.
Draft of reply dated 30 Aout 1786 is titled, Catalogue des plus belles plantes du Senegal, and lists nine genera with Ouolof names [cf. p. 20] and Linnaean synonyms in the species. Reviews some memories of Senegal experiences.

AD 164 Bonnet, [Charles], Geneve, [written between 29 Sept. and 18 Dec. 1762.] 2 pp.

Writes of sending a copy of Considerations sur les corps organisés and asks for opinion on it. Discusses other publications of allied interest. Written by an amanuensis, signed by him. In the draft of reply, dated 19 Dec. 1763, Adanson states that he could not yet study the books. Discusses his effort to propose Bonnet for associé étranger, but “Linn” had the majority of the votes. Compares Bonnet and Linnaeus. Discusses leaf anatomy studies by Horace-Bénédict de Saussure (1740-1799) and by Guettard.

AD 165 Bonnet, [Charles], Genève [postmarked], [ca. 1763] 1 p. [a portion of a larger letter].

Discusses his failing eyesight and admonishes Adanson to care for his eyes. Reports he writes in haste so that Adanson may reply quickly concerning Denmark. Sends a trinket in gratitude for proofs received of unnamed Adanson paper.

No annotations except subject heading. The missing part could have related to the Denmark proposal; this dates the fragment as about 1763. If so, the proofs referred to might be of Familles des plantes.

AD 166 Bonnet, [Charles], Genthod, près de Geneve, 23 Septembre 1769, 5 pp.

A reply to Adanson’s letter of 30 Juillet (no draft in this collection), criticizing Bonnet’s “Palingenesie.” Defends himself, quotes in full a letter of Spallanzani of 11 Sept. 1769 on snail’s head reproduction. Will treat Bomare more gently than Adanson did him, but was frank on his Dictionnaire deficiencies. Asks Adanson to show this letter to B. de Jussieu. Signed: “Palingénésiste.”

No reply, [cf. AD 167].

AD 167 Bonnet, Charles, Genthod près de Genève, 3 Mai 1775. 8 pp.

A part of 1 leaf is missing. Asks why there is no correspondence since his last letter, and cannot presume that it was offensive. Reports having cited Adanson in his paper “Sur la fécondation des plantes” in Rozier’s Journal de Physique, Nat. Hist. Oct. 1774. Is amazed and awed by Adanson’s plans for his Encyclopédie universelle [AD 8]. Advises him to publish his own discoveries first.
Discusses examples of cereal grain longevity, ascribing it to some role of gelée organique (protoplasm). Mentions that Spallanzani's book on snail reproduction may be delayed. Supposes Tremella to be more zoological than botanical. Signed: "le Palingénésiste."

Annotated with subject headings. Draft of reply (incomplete) dated 20 Juillet 1775 discusses Encyclopédie plans. Cites his belief that the number of species in all nature is 40,000, while others [perhaps inferring Linnaeus] consider it to be 14,684. Reviews seed longevity based on his wheat experiments concluding Bonnet's findings to be exceptionally high. Reports negative results on repetitions of Spallanzani's snail experiments, and a loss of confidence in his work in general. New Tremella studies convince him that their movements are not spontaneous.

**AD 168 Bonnet, [Charles], Gent hod, 4 Fevrier 1780.**

A reply to an Adanson letter not represented here. Advises him (i) to make more use of his shoes than of his pen (noting that he preaches to an "indocile" who refuses to listen); (2) to publish only that which he has totally mastered; and (3) to sleep enough. Reports that the first six volumes of his Œuvres will soon be received by Adanson; is working on the next. Mentions Clason, Scottish philosopher, whom Adanson met during his visit in Genève.

**AD 169 Bonnet, [Charles], Gent hod, 1 Septembre 1783. 3 pp.**

Asks for a safe and prompt way to send the 3rd installment of 3 volumes of his Œuvre, and inquires why Adanson was absent when he (Bonnet) visited the Paris Académie meeting to defend Adanson before those who were hasty to criticize him. Finds Adanson's Tremella observations interesting; suggests leniency for Corti.

Reply drafted at Neuilli sur Seine 9 8bre [Oct.] 1783. Explains absence from Academy meeting as: (i) his health did not permit him to sit quietly for so long; and (2) his advices were ignored so frequently, that he feels free to use his time for his own work. Writes that his remarks about Corti were never personal but advocates truth wherever he finds it. Does not like the modern trend of citing from letters of others without their consent, because in letters things can be written that are not fit for printing.

**AD 170 Buc'hoz, [Joseph-Pierre], Nancy, 11 8bre [Oct.] 1764. 2 pp.**

Sends the 3rd vol. of his Histoire des plantes [of Lorraine] to be presented to the Academy, and also three smaller memoirs (Pulice, Illecebra, Belemnite) to be read at the Academy. Asks if he might become a membre correspondant of the Academy. Hopes Adanson will revise his plates.
AD 171 Buc’hoz, [Joseph-Pierre], Nancy, 26 9bre [Nov.] 1764. 2 pp.

Reports sending his book [cf. AD 170] via M. Bomarde. Seeks Adanson since he was kind to him when in Paris, as his mentor. Asks Adanson to supervise the preparation of his plates, being drawn and engraved by de Ferht. Praises the history of botany in Familles des plantes. Calls himself one of Adanson’s “élèves.” Asks Adanson’s help to become a membre correspondant of the Académie.

A draft of the reply to these two letters, dated 6 Xbre [Dec.] 1764, reports that the book was received in a bad condition; criticizes the memoir on “Patar” and Illecebra, and notes that an account of Belemnites was treated at the Académie some years ago. Advises Buc’hoz to investigate new subjects which will honor the Academy. Did not receive the first two volumes of the Lorraine history of plants, nor the Prospectus. Will be glad to supervise the plates. Replies with guarded comments to Buc’hoz’s desire to be a member of the Académie, noting that he will seize the opportunity to act when Buc’hoz’s accomplishments bring him to the attention of that body.

AD 172 Buc’hoz, [Joseph-Pierre], Nancy, 6 Jan. 1765, 2 pp.

Reports sending the first three volumes of his Histoire des plantes de Lorraine. Received some plates and sketches, lacking some details recommended, from de Ferht. Reports receiving an annual grant from the city of Nancy in support of his work, and for treating the poor with simples. Asks again to become a membre correspondant of the Académie.

The last request suggests that this letter was sent before receipt of Adanson’s other reply.


Writes of impossibility for pension to be paid directly to Adanson; de Buffon will be in Paris the 12th and Adanson may come for pension on 13th. Observes that when one has just married a lovely young person, one has need of all his resources.

Adanson’s reply dated “20 mai 1771,” has draft of his letter on the back to le Comte de la Billarderie d’Angiviller [cf. AD 204].


Thanks Adanson for the compliments, sent on learning of the king’s action in his behalf.
AD 175 CAPPY, ______, Paris 16 Fevrier 1767.

An answer to Adanson’s letter on construction of thermometers by de Réaumur. Believes that de Réaumur never made one with his own hands and gave only the principles.


Invitation to a meeting of the members of the Institut, belonging to the Légion d’Honneur, in the Eglise des Invalides, giving time, place of entrance, and dress.

Annotated with number and date.

AD 177 CAVANILLES, [Antonio José] Abbé [Paris], 18 Janvier 1786, 1 p.

A short note accompanying a set of plates of Cavanilles’ book [cf. AD 29].

AD 178 CAVANILLES, [Antonio José] Abbé [Paris], [between 18 Jan. and March 1786], 1 p.

Sends plate no. 35, missing from Adanson’s collection, and apologizes for the long delay. Reports having seen a plant in de Jussieu’s herbarium of Adanson’s no. 132 from Senegal, which is incomplete; asks if he may see Adanson’s specimen of it.

Annotations dated “18 janvier 1786,” probably incorrect and added later by Adanson. No indication of a reply. The long delay referred to suggests that this plate 35, on the paper of the final printing [cf. AD 29], was prepared later than 18 Jan., the date in Cavanilles’ hand on the first letter.

AD 179 COINDET, ______, Paris, 6 Juillet 1767

Requests information for a friend, who according to a note of Adanson was].-. Rousseau, on Scheuchzer’s Agrostographie and on botanical books in general.

Draft of reply is at top and interlinearly.

AD 180 [Commissaire d’instruction publique], Paris, 26 Frimaire an 4 [17 Dec. 1795], 1 p.

Reports Adanson’s nomination as member of the Institut National, première classe, notes the first meeting will be next “primidi” [22 Dec. 1795]. Time and place added as postscript in a denser hand.
Annotated with date, subject, and name of Boquet, the secretary general. The signature is illegible, but is not Boquet. The letter has a printed heading: “Le Ministre de l'Intérieur,” and in top left corner “Bureau,” under this filled out by hand: “du Secrétaire.” However, the signature is not Boquet's. The address bears a stamp: “Com.at d'instr.on publique.”

AD 181 Compagnie des Indes, Paris, 3 Avril 1751, 1 p.

Reports that M. Montaran has been informed that Adanson wrote on a big tree of Senegal whose crushed leaves give a blue color. Adanson should send at first opportunity both green and dried leaves for experimental use in France. The Conseil Supérieur de Sénégal is to permit shipment in Compagnie vessels of his boxes of natural history materials. Signed by eight “Syndics et Directeurs” of the Compagnie, including David.


Received Adanson's report of 20 Feb. [1752], that the trees with blue coloring property are found only in the Pays de Riodone, beyond Bissau. Advises that the Conseil Supérieur should order ships to Bissau for this wood, both for Adanson’s experiments, and to send to France. The Compagnie is pleased with Adanson's experiments noting that one sample is the true indigo. Adanson is to repeat the experiments on a large scale. The production cost and profit margin are to be determined, and the Conseil Supérieur is to cooperate fully. If Adanson’s health deteriorates further while in Senegal, the Compagnie will allow him return to France in 1753 with his collections for the Jardin Royal. Bears ten signatures of the “Syndics et Directeurs” including David and Godeheu d'Igovielle.

AD 183 Corti, Bonaventura (1729-1813) Reggio di Modena 4 9bre [Nov.] 1774. 3 pp.

Reports observations on Tremella and of seeing Adanson’s paper after writing his results. Observed a spontaneous movement and saw dry plants return to life several times after being given water, and saw plants in the dark move towards the light. Mentions other microscopical observations briefly and suggests that there is no sharp line between animals and plants. Discusses the “sap movement” (i.e. protoplasmic movement) in Chara [cf. AD 38, 39].

Draft of reply dated 26 Fevrier 1775. Reports having read Corti's experiments to the Académie and to have made new experiments himself. Was not surprised by Corti's observations on Tremella, but is surprised at those of M. Desmurs, a Boulogne physician, who announced (Journal oeconomique, Apr.
1761) observing a comparable movement in *Confera*, which seems to be far from the truth. Writes that Corti's experiments partly confirm his own and in part are new discoveries, to be continued. Proposes that Corti repeat the *Confera* experiments of Desmars. Adanson does not know of Corti's paper on "animalculles des infusions." Finds a great demarcation between plants and animals. Tried to verify Corti's observations on *Chara*, but the season was unfavorable. Does not dare to suppose that some animal entered the joints, whose intestine movement was taken for that of the plant. Notes that his judgment will be deferred pending further study.

AD 184 Corti, Bonaventura  Reggio di Modena, 24 Mars 1775, 6 pp.

Thanks Adanson for the reply and sends the book requested, with an essay *Observations meteorologiques*. Wants to study the influence of electricity on plant growth and mentions, among other things, "worms" damaging wheat.

No annotations except subject headings and "j'ai repondu le 19 juillet 1775." The draft of the reply is dated "10 juillet 1775." Discusses the *Tremella* and *Confera* situations in detail. Read with pleasure Corti's remarks on the *animalcula* of infusions, some of which appeared new to Adanson, telling how he began to study these under the eyes of Needham in 1745, leaving this study at the age of 48 to work on the encyclopedia. Mentions briefly the "worms" in the cereals, and praises Corti's meteorological observations, suggesting that he add microclimatological data, e.g., soil temperatures, as Adanson did in Senegal. Also present is an early draft of his paper on *Tremella*, [cf. AD 290], and a description of a *Chara* species from the Tuileries.

An undated and unfinished second draft of Adanson's reply of 4 pp. is also present.

AD 185 Covolo, [Conte] Giovambatista dal, Bologna, 12 Gennaio [Jan.] 1765.

In Italian. Reports having seen a review of *Familles des plantes* in the newspaper. Sends his *Discorso della irritabilita* and asks for Adanson to send his book together with price for same.

D'Alembert. Cf. Alembert, [AD 139].

AD 186 Cusson, [Pierre] (1727-1783)  Montpellier, 13 Mars 1771. 3 pp.

Asks Adanson for seeds or specimens of different species of plants of the Parsnip family (Umbelliferae).

Acknowledges a letter from Adanson via Mr. Imbert accompanying some umbelliferous plants or seeds; criticizes Linnaeus for some of his genera in his *Species plantarum* [3rd ed.?] and gives a list of umbellifers which he has not yet seen, with discussions of some species.

Annotated: “Repondu le 30 Aout 1772 et envoyé 21 pl. en herbie et 11 en graines” and added pertinent page numbers from *Familles des plantes*.


Discusses and inquires about umbellifers, of which seeds had been sent by Adanson, or were asked for.

Draft of reply written on available spaces and interlinearly.

AD 189 Dick, Johann Jacob (1742-1775) Spietz près Berne [Switzerland], [before 1 Febr. 1771]. 1 pp.

The last page of a longer letter; of interest for its catalogue of plants wanted from Dick. The preserved part has in Adanson’s handwriting the date 1771; Adanson’s list is dated “[premier fevrier 1771.”

AD 190 Dick, [Johann Jacob] Bolligen près Berne, 10 Mars 1771.

Promises Adanson plants of his herbarium. Asks for fresh seeds for a small botanic garden. Adds list of desiderata, as de Jussieu or the gardener of the Jardin du Roi promised to send seeds in exchange for those he gave them during his short sojourn in Paris.

An annotated draft of Adanson’s reply, dated “6 avril 1771,” sent with a packet of seeds from de Jussieu, to which Adanson added other seeds. A list is added of the plants Adanson received.


Explains offer made to Adanson on behalf of Didot by Monsieur Audry, with Monsieur le Begue as an intermediary. The prospect of a tax on the paper frightened the publishers considerably. Each set aside his own affairs for a general meeting to consider what should be done, resulting in more than fifteen days of work. Time is not favorable to undertake a work which could ruin Didot. Monsieur Audry negotiated without Didot’s knowledge, Didot gives M. le Begue the available copy of the *Dictionnaire du Jardinier*. 

Sends Adanson a small publication [AD 52], in which he included all of the new information on the subject [madder], especially the discovery of M. Dambournay [or D'Ambourney, Louis-Antoine (1722-1793)]. Asks Adanson for the Académie report on this as soon as possible.

AD 193 Duhamel du Monceau, [Henri-Louis] [Paris], 3 Mai 1772. 3 pp.

Because Adanson was named "Commissaire" for Duhamel's *Traité de la pesche*, the second part will be sent to Adanson for review. Inasmuch as Duhamel leaves Paris until Pentecost, he asks for completion of the report before his return, and that Adanson arrange with de Jussieu both for the report and to have the approbation of the Academy signed by M. de Fouchy, and to be delivered to M. Delatour, printer.

AD 194 Fontana, Felice (1731-1805) [Florence, ca. 1767] 2 pp.

Has read *Familles des plantes*. Requests information on the movement in Equisetum spores, called "poussiére génitale" by Adanson and believed by Fontana to be seeds, but he did not understand what Adanson meant in his book, lacking plates to illustrate the point.

No annotations. Was filed with Adanson’s *Mémoire sur le mouvement* (AD 276).


Announces sending of packet of plants and a memoir on a plant called Scopuline; mentions a singular case of pregnancy; comments on the botanists Banks, Solander, Forster, and Rottboll; will be glad to receive plants from Adanson as well as bibliographical indices, good catalogues, even of Linnaeus.

Draft of Adanson’s reply, Paris 15 Mars 1773, is written on this page.


Sends a drawing of a monstrosity and of a tree. As he did not select the plants of the former packet himself, some common plants may have slipped in. Some named by Adanson as *Ledum, Pyrola umbellata, Stratiotes*, are not Swiss. Asks for an African *Aralia*. Has no picture of the singular pregnancy. Discusses a membrane of a horse, the object of controversy between Dem... [illegible] and Decemet is involved. His drawings are not present in this collection.

Letter to Adanson on behalf of Cusson, of Montpellier, whose letter is cited at length. Cusson hopes soon to offer seeds to Adanson and asks especially for seeds of Turnefort’s species of Umbelliferae (Parsnip family) from the Levant, and a loan of herbarium specimens of these. No annotations except subject heading. Was filed with the Cusson letters (AD 185-187).

AD 198 JOYEUSE, [B.] l’aîné [“écrivain principal de la marine.”] Marseille, 6 Avril 1767. 4 pp.

Discusses certain points in Familles des plantes, especially corals, sap function, diseases, sowing time; asks if a later edition has appeared.

Draft of reply is present.


Discusses invention for preserving fresh water on vessels at sea; hopes to interest the King’s court in it. Promises to send a packet with wheat to Adanson. Will prepare memoir for Adanson on a wheat-damaging insect. Says he has established agricultural experiments at “Plattebandes,” where alfalfa has been grown successfully. Asks what formalities are needed to become correspondent of the Academy. (The number of correspondents was reduced to 100 since 1765.)

Annotated.

AD 200 JOYEUSE, [B.] l’aîné. Marseille, 11 Nov. 1768

Sends Adanson a book, awarded a prize by the Academy of Limoges and previously judged favorably by Adanson.

AD 201 JUSSEU, [Antoine-Laurent de] [Paris, 4 Nov. 1779] 1 p.

Reports that at the next meeting of the Academy a prize for botany will be proposed for the best answer, if Adanson approves, on the question “L’ordre naturel existe-t-il dans les plantes? Quelles sont les preuves de son existence, et les principes qui lui servent de base? Quelle seroit l’utilité de sa découverte.” An explanation should be added as to what is meant by ordre naturel, and by its differences from the artificial méthodes, and that there be included a concise survey of other authors’ opinions on the subject, with a note on what the Academy wants. This question may be useful to keep persons working on the natural order who are beginning to revert to artificial “méthodes.” Says that he has written today to Duhamel and Fou-
geroux to invite their approval of this proposal, noting that M. Guettard is absent, that M. de Lamarck approves, and that M. Brisson is thought to approve also. If Adanson has another more interesting proposal, he is asked to send it to his “confrères,” then “Dejussieu altera sa décision” (de Jussieu will alter his decision) [both AD 201 and AD 202 are unsigned and written in the third person].

Annotated: “Repondu le vendredi 5 9bre [Nov.] 1779 à M. de Jussieu qui a voit ceci chez moi le jeudi 4. soiar.” plus his subject heading. Accompanied with a 2 page draft of his reply, dated 5 9bre [Nov.] 1779.

In this Adanson writes that the Academy cannot propose this question without making itself ridiculous for three reasons: (1) the metaphysical ideas on the ordre naturel are not yet sufficiently clear, (2) the number of connaissances on the plants is not yet sufficient, and (3) finally the necessary proofs to support this natural order demand not an academic memoir but a large number of volumes. Adanson believes the Academy will have more honor if it will propose a question on the useful part of botany, such as economics, agriculture, or horticulture, and will refer de Jussieu to what will be proposed by his colleagues Duhamel, Guettard, Tillet, Fougeroux, Lemonnier.

AD 202 [Jussieu, Antoine-Laurent de] [Paris], 20 Février 1783. 1 p.

Sends Adanson a report on a paper Des Mousse and another précis of Palisot de Beauvois and requests him to report on these, or to send the papers to him, giving on separate sheets his advice on the several points of the report [cf. Fig. 36].

Annotated by G. de R[ocquigny]-A[danon]: “ce billet est d’Antoine-Laurent de Jussieu.”

AD 203 Jussieu, Bernard de (1699-1776) Paris, Aoust 1762. 5 pp.

Letter to Adanson, then in Caen, containing instructions for his travel in western France, giving explicit information on the locations of some plants, fossils, and animals, and mentioning persons he may visit. Mentions that he has not yet received anything from the printer [of Familles des plantes]. Bears signs of wear, probably in this voyage by Adanson. One of the relatively few letters known of this botanist.

AD 204 La Billarderie [Comte] d’Angiviller, [Charles-Claude] (1730-1809) [Versailles], 25 Mai 1771. 2 pp.

Draft of reply to a letter of Adanson dated 20 May 1771 in which Adanson congratulates La Billarderie with his appointment as successor to the
“intendance du jardin et du cabinet” [d’histoire naturelle] of Louis XV. Annotated with subject and dates concerning de Buffon and La Billarderie. Draft of Adanson’s letter on separate leaf; this reply of La Billarderie who became “directeur-général des bâtiments et jardins” in 1774 is in polite terms.

Cuvier judged his policy favorable to the development of the Jardin des Plantes in Paris in his éloge of Thouin, however, the disappearance of the Trianon garden, in which Adanson was interested, could not have been prevented. [Comte La Billarderie is not to be confused with the botanist La Billardiére.]

Asks Adanson to prepare a note on his lecture at the Académie on meteorological observations and natural history, for otherwise the public will not be able to enjoy it before the volumes of the Académie appear (usually a lapse of some years). The note can be sent either to Lacombe or to M. Marquer [?], “mon ami” at the Académie.

Draft of reply notes that Adanson sends the report to l’Avantcoureur and apologizes for the brevity because he is going on an eight-day voyage for his health. It is puzzling to find this note in l’Avantcoureur of 16 February 1767, pp. 151-155. The possibility of this journal being two weeks behind schedule is unlikely. Moreover, comparison of the printed account with Adanson’s draft shows it to contain more information than is in this draft. Perhaps Lacombe published an account of Adanson’s lecture, e.g., one by his friend at the Academy, and was then warned to ask Adanson himself before he got angry.

AD 206 LACOMBE, _______. Paris, 8 Mars 1767. 1 p.
Sends Adanson the number of l’Avantcoureur with the notice of his lecture and the others appeared earlier and in the same year; will be obliged to receive further notices from time to time.

Draft of reply dated on the front 13 mars 1767, and on the back 26 mars 1767. Reports that he has read a paper at the Academy on the movement of Tremella (cf. AD 276) and contributes a notice concerning this for l’Avantcoureur. This was published in the issue dated 6 Avril 1767, pp. 215-218, with slight alterations.

Writes that he is in command of Saint-Domingue on nearly the same latitude as Senegal, and that M. de Malesherbes, his uncle, and M. le Lieutenant Civil, his father-in-law, have encouraged him to ask what prod-

Fig. 36. Facsimile of a letter from Bernard de Jussieu to Adanson, 19 August 1762 [AD 202], showing the last page with signature and date.
Puis que mon voyage de Thionon avec Mr. Rouelle, je n'ai rien trouv. qui me vous intérèsse, je vous soumurai au jardin de chacun quelques plants qui manquent au jardin du Ray, avec la contr. de faire une note, j'ai vu un M. de Bombardi, qui m'a dit
vous avoir envoyé une lettre pour M. le baron commanda-
nt la ville et chateau de Lach, vous voir souhaiter qu'il
vous envoye de cette façon du mariage pour monsieur le
beau, et dont on se fera pour vous les maisons de son cousin
actuellement. M. le monnier m'a dit aujourd'hui le
mais.

C'est que vous me demandez que les petits plants qui vous manque,
moi il est difficile de se trouver aussi exactement, mais je
vous ai pas dû repondre, je vous remets un essai.

J'ignore pour quel motif. j'avais attention de vous l'approbation
de l'académie expédiée par M. de Touchy, que je vous donnerai
à votre retour, monsieur votre santé, je crois que la disposition
que vous pensez vous sera tout salutaire, mais si maladies,
je vous prie à M. de Sennerville, je vous souhaite toute
ta satisfaction qui vous pourrez désirer, je suis avec
votre sincère attachement

Monseigneur

à Paris le 19 août 1762

Obéissant serviteur

de justice.
ucts of Senegal are worthy of introduction in Saint-Domingue. Invites Adanson to have dinner with him.

Undated draft of reply, 3 pp., includes a plant list with vernacular Senegalese names, suggests also some animals, including the elephant and camel.

AD 208 LEFEBURE DESHAYE [RES, Chevalier] Tivoli, quartier de la nouvelle Plymouth, par la ville des Cayes dufond-de-Lisle-de-vache, partie de Sud de S[ai]n[t-] Domingue [Haiti], le 16 aout 1778. 4 pp.

Reports on difficulties of studying botany and medicinal properties of tropical American plants; sends drawings and descriptions.

Draft of reply, dated 24 Avril 1779 scribbled on back and front, discusses about five genera.


Concerns Adanson’s wheat experiments. Cf. also AD 140.

Originally filed in Dictionnaire de Botanique.

AD 210 LEMOINE, _______. (Avocat) Macon, 7 Mars 1766. 2 pp.

Addressed to “Messieurs Adanson et Andriot chez Monsieur Adanson.” Concerns wheat and grape (Vitis) culture; could not fulfill all the demands of Adanson. Originator sometimes signs self as Lemoine de Chateau.

Draft of reply dated 23 Mars 1766.

AD 211 LEMOINE, _______. Macon, 28 aoust 1766. 2 pp.

Mentions that he has not forgotten what Adanson taught him and has tested these views since through his work on an herbarium of grapes, which he hopes to present to Adanson. Most of the letter relates to a business activities concerning Cayes, Saint-Domingue [Haiti], on the part of a brother and brother-in-law of Lemoine.

Annotated: Draft of a detailed reply of 4 September 1766 is given. See also AD 208.

AD 212 LEMOINE, _______. Macon 2 janvier 1767 3 pp. +1 leaf

Will send samples of grape cultivars of the region with names and usage; mentions persons possibly interested in economic botany.

Draft of reply dated 23 janvier 1767 written on back.
AD 213 LEMOINE, Macon, 29 janvier 1767. 17 pp.

Treats grape cultivars in the Macon area. In this letter signs self as Lemoine de Chateau.

No annotations except subject heading. Macon is spelled without cedilla although Adanson writes one (ç) in the heading of this letter.

AD 214 LEMOINE, Macon, 29 janvier 1767. 3 pp. + 1 leaf

Mentions his other letter of the same date. Discusses cultivars of grapes and wheat.

Annotated.

AD 215 MARCORELLE, Narbonne, Le 9e Janvier 1766. 2 pp.

Reports that corrections requested by the Academy have been made for his Mémoire sur le Salicor [Salsola soda] and sent to M. de Fouchy. He hopes Adanson will report on it, and asks for indulgence and pardon for mistakes. This mémoire is AD 367.

AD 216 MARCORELLE, Narbonne, le 9 Janvier 1766. 3 pp.

Addressed to M. de Fouchy.

Sends the revised Mémoire sur le Salicor with additions and alterations suggested by de Jussieu and Adanson; hopes they will soon report. Asks for information on action taken on his report to the Academy of a flood at Roussillon 16 October 1763.

AD 217 MASSAC, M. de Paris, 15 mai 1767. 1 p.

Sends his Mémoire sur l'engrais [cf. AD 94].

AD 218 MONTEHERMOSO, M[arqués de] (Colonel in the Spanish cavalry) Cadix, 17 Decembre 1770. 4 pp.

Sends a work of Miguel Barnades; mentions the favorable judgment of Adanson on the first volume of the Mémoires de la Société de Biscaye; discusses marl at length, and the fodder plant alfalfa briefly.

Reply written on back, dated “12 janvier 1771.”
AD 219 Montehermoso, M[arquis de] Cadiz, ce 22 Février 1771. 3 pp.

Thanks Adanson for becoming a member of the Société [de Biscaye]. Mentions soils, alludes to a visit of Adanson to Spain and the formation of a new academy in Spain.

Reply possibly begun on first page and the complete reply is on a separate small paper of 4 pages, dated "22 mai 1771."

AD 220 Moutandouin, ______ (écuyer) Nantes, 20 mars 1779. 3 pp.

Mentions a letter of LeFebure Deshaies, S. Dominique (see AD 208), and asks how to send materials to Paris.

Reply written on 3rd page, dated "24 avril 1779." Moutandouin was a Membre correspondant of the Académie.


Answers a letter from Adanson, writing that he will keep the instructions, and subsequent developments, secret and transmit them only to Adanson; mentions need for six thermometers.

With this letter of Mutis is a draft of Adanson's original letter to him, referring to an expedition to South America (Colombia), where Mutis spent much of his life developing the natural sciences of medicine and botany.

AD 222 Mutis, J[osep] C[elestino] Santa Fé de Bogota [Colombia], 9 Août 1764. 5 pp.

Reports the six thermometers not received. Used one from London, divided according to Fahrenheit. Gives meteorological information, and data on an earthquake.

Annotated.


Sends Adanson his book on mosses [AD 100] and discusses moss reproduction.


Announces sending Adanson his Methodus muscorum [AD 100] and the longer accompanying letter [AD 223].

Asks for Adanson's short and considered opinion on the place of the mosses as bridging the separation between the vegetable and the mineral kingdom.

Draft of reply is to two questions of Nogaret on the same leaf, dated 21 fevrier 1800. To the first question, Adanson answers that he believes the Dendrites to have originated from sulphureous, bituminous or even metallic vapours in the fissures of stones, to be closest to the vegetable kingdom because they resemble mosses. The mosses, from the plant side, approach the minerals by being of a drier, less "ligneuse" substance and without losing their structure in fire. The second question answered by Adanson is: If the kernel of a garden peach produces only a wild race of peach, from whence came the first peaches with fruits of all degrees of quality up to the most excellent? Adanson replies that the common opinion must be rectified: by sowing each year kernels of the same peach-, apricot-, prune- and cherry-trees etc., one will get nearly as many fruit varieties as is the number of kernels sown; but that by grafting the best, one may conserve and ameliorate by degrees to the highest possible perfection. This, he writes, is based on his experience with melons of which he recognizes 92,000 possible combinations.

AD 226 Nogaret, [François-] Félix. [Paris], 16 Fructidor an 8 [3 September 1800]. 1 p.

Asks Adanson if he is mistaken in thinking that all irritable plants are of American origin and that there are no original plants of this group in Europe. Thinks this because Adanson distinguished between the viscous flycatchers and the sensitive plants. Asks especially about "les plantes mimoses."

Draft of reply on separate leaf, dated "4 7bre [Nov.] 1800." Adanson replies yes, mon cher Anakreon, that he is wrong in thinking that all irritable plants or "mimoses" originate from America, and elaborates on this answer. Thus making it clear that Nogaret sought information for a novel on ancient Greece.

AD 227 [Nogaret, François-Félix] [Paris], 8 Messidor an 9 [27 juin 1801]. 1 p.

Reports he was requested to hand Adanson the "Carte de Botanique" [AD 48], but has not the time to do it himself.

No annotations except date added by Adanson. The pseudonym "Aristenête" was identified by Adanson in an annotation in the book.
AD 228 Parmentier, [Antoine-Augustin] (1737-1813)
“Notice des Titres que Ecrivit M. Parmentier Censeur Roial, et
Professeur de l’Ecole de Boulangerie, pour Reclamer en sa faveur
l’indulgence de l’Académie.”
Addressed to the Académie. Contains an enumeration of his publications
from 1774-1779. Accompanied by a note asking Adanson to support his
application “pour la place vacante dans la classe de botanique et d’agri-
culture.”

Concerns 1,200 copper-plates of an exotic herbal, moreover plates of
Plumier’s American plants; asks for a meeting with Adanson.
Annotated. A meeting was agreed on, but never materialized.

Sends wash-drawings of different grape varieties to Adanson and asks for
the botanical “word and phrase” which characterizes them; asks names of
moths that damage grapes.

AD 231 Schoulembourg,______, Baron de Bourg Scheidegg, [Saxony],
12 Mars 1767.
Thanks Adanson for the kindness received during his stay in Paris, and
sends him seeds of Polish cereal grains.
Draft of reply dated “4 mai 1767.”

1768. 1 p.
Reports that M. de Schoulembourg has talked about Adanson in such a
way that Schreber does not hesitate to take the liberty to write Adanson
of it. Is working on a paper on grasses, for which the plates are being
engraved by a “très habile graveur” Crusius; asks Adanson for seed or
specimens of Zizania aquatica.
Draft of reply dated “13 Mars 1768.”
The Adanson Collection


Announces his appointment as Professor; is establishing a garden and planning a hothouse according to the plans in Adanson’s Familles des plantes; asks for information for including trees in it, and for a third volume of Familles des plantes treating genera and species.

Annotated: “j’ai répondu le 16 avril 1771, remis à M. Duchêne.”

AD 234 Scopoli, [Johann Anton] (1723-1788) Idria, 23 Xbris [December] 1764. 2 pp. See Fig. 37.

Written in Latin. Admires the enormous work in the Familles des plantes; makes specific remarks on place of certain plants in Adanson’s méthode.

Draft of reply, dated 10 Fevrier 1769, explains point for point, and tells how, by comparison of all characters, some may be important when they are constant for families, even little-known anatomical characters.


In Latin. Recommends Alojsium Castiglioni to Adanson. Apparently Luigi Castiglioni (1757-1812), writing a voyage to the U.S. in Italian, with a second volume on botany.


Mentions his work being thwarted by an officer [intendant] on the island and is unable to do much; plans a voyage to China, via India, etc. Gives particulars on his voyage.

Draft of reply dated “6 Fevrier 1776,” containing five points.


Accounts for his travels and some collections and shipments from Isle de France (Mauritius) to China; received by Adanson in July 1777 together with a herbarium. This letter was accompanied by the manuscript: Observations sur L’Inde et La Chine [AD 376].

Annotated as received “juillet 1777” by Adanson with a draft of Adanson’s reply dated 19bre [November] 1777.

AD 238 Sonnerat, [Pierre] Isle de France, ce 1 Sepbre 1779. 4 pp.

Narrative account giving particulars on India and the conquering of Mauritius by the British.

Short annotations.
AD 239  Sonnerat, [Pierre]  [Paris, ca. 1782]. 1 p.
Sends Adanson a copy of his "Voyage . . ." [AD 121].

Mentions briefly his adventures and his collections on his voyages.
Short annotations.

Reports a previous shipment sent on a subsequently wrecked vessel, of
which something appears to have been rescued. Mentions a voyage he made
to Ceylon, discovering interesting animals and minerals, and says he hopes
to be sent to Cochin-China.
Short annotations. Previous shipment not received.

AD 242  Templeman, Pierre [Peter]  (1711-1769)  Londres, le 29 Juillet 1760.
Writes as Secretary of Society for Advancement of Arts, Manufacture and
Commerce, to the Académie asking for pasture grasses able to produce
green fodder in winter, since animals in Britain have to resort to some
nourishment, which could also be expected in France [cf. AD 340].

Sends Medicus’ Index plantarum . . . [AD 95] to Adanson on behalf of the author

AD 244  Tournon, [Dominique Jerome]  (ca. 1770 – ca. 1827)  Toulouse, le 9
Dec. 1786. 3 pp.
Has been studying plants for three years, changed from Tournefort to
Linnaeus, then found Adanson’s Familles des plantes more useful than all
works read before. Indicates plans for a flore tolosana [which he published in
1817; 2nd ed., unchanged, 1827] and asks advice of Adanson.
No indication of a reply.

AD 245  Würtz, [Georg Christophor]  Strasbourg, ce 26 Xbre. [December]
1784. 1 p.
Sends copy of his thesis [AD 127].
Annotated “Reçu le 3 fevrier 1785.”
MANUSCRIPTS

The manuscripts cited and described below have been selected from among several thousand leaves in this collection of Adansoniana because they offer new information relative to our knowledge of Michel Adanson’s life and time, his scientific work and program, and to the activities of some of his colleagues and contemporaries. As explained on page 265, those of his papers that can be dated are given first—in chronological sequence, followed by those of either unknown or mixed dates—in alphabetic sequence of titles. Manuscripts originated by other persons follow in alphabetic sequence by name of originator.

AD 246 [ADANSON, Aglaé] (1775-1832) Noms des differens bois donnés à Emile avec leur synonimie et leur pays originaire pris dans le Parc de Baleine en 1848
4 pp. 21 × 28 cm

An alphabetical list of Latin names of woody species of plants, originally in Aglaé’s copy of her Catalogue [AD 2].

AD 247 ADANSON, Jean-Baptiste (1732-1804) Description des plantes de l’Egypte
25 pp. with 12 drawings. 16 × 22.5 cm

Of interest since many of the manuscripts and drawings of Michel Adanson’s brother are supposed to have been lost.

AD 248 [ADANSON, Jean-Baptiste] Note & description de quelques plantes arbres, arbustes et autres inserés dans le premier cayer de l’herbier envoyé a Madame de Rohan Comtesse de Marsan
20 pp. n.d. 19 × 24 cm

Although unsigned, this is without doubt written by Jean-Baptiste; many Arabic plant names are cited in the list and the handwriting is that of AD 247. One separate leaf bears annotations by Michel Adanson.

AD 249 ADANSON, Michel Hortus regius Parisiensis 1740-1747
282 pp. [Bound in a vellum cover bearing several examples of handwriting.] 12 × 18 cm

Collationé Adanson No. 85. A working copy of a list of the plants in the Jardin Royal in Paris, with many additions, including (on p. 1) references to Linnaeus’ Species plantarum (1753). The title given here was written later. The original heading on p. 1 was Plantes herbes Liliacées. Le Lecan. The contents are arranged essentially according to Tournefort’s system.
AD 250  Adanson, Michel  *Hortus regius Parisiensis 1740-1761. Basileiaphyton*
10+58 pp. 11 x 16.5 cm
Collationé Adanson No. 84. A shorter list than AD 249, also arranged close
to that of Tournefort’s system. See also the notes with AD 258.

AD 251  Adanson, Michel  *Systema naturale*
2 pp. 1748-1749. 20 x 32 cm
A survey of the characters distinguishing the three kingdoms of natural
history. According to Adanson’s annotations this was written in Senegal
in 1748 and 1749.

AD 252  Adanson, Michel  *[Plantes du Sénégal. Descriptions]*
20 pp. [1748-1749]. 18 x 24 cm
Comprises Latin descriptions of plants collected by Adanson in Senegal.
The order not numerical, yet has included herbarium number as pri-
mary reference. Some Ouolof names and some Latin generic names are
added. Prepared in Senegal, but without exact date.

AD 253  Adanson, Michel  *Plantes seches envoiées du Senegal*
18 pp. [1748-1754]. 11 x 16 cm
A numerical list of plants collected by Adanson in Senegal and sent to
France, with short descriptive phrases for characterization. Includes items
to No. 233, but for many numbers two or more plants are mentioned,
designated by letters. This copy is in the hand of Bernard de Jussieu.

AD 254  Adanson, Michel  *Essai des teintures*
45 pp. 1751-1752. Mostly 12 x 19 cm
A collection of Adanson’s data sheets and studies of his experiments on
vegetable dyes, especially indigo, and including a description of the method
for preparing indigo in Senegal, with his calculations for probable produc-
tion costs and anticipated profits [cf. AD 181, 182].

AD 255  Adanson, Michel  *Observations sur la culture des plantes . . .*
6 pp. 20 May 1752. 20.5 x 32.5 cm
A finely written treatise on culture of plants in general and especially of
European vegetables and of fruit trees in Senegal.
AD 256 ADANSON, Michel  *Methode de decrire par articles*  
11 pp. 1753. Written on an assortment of sheets of different sizes, mostly $32 \times 41.5$ cm.  

One is a broadsheet with columns for all possible characters useful when preparing a plant description, filled out for the baobab tree [*Adansonia*] as an example.  

Annotated by Adanson to have been conceived by him in Senegal in 1750 and perfected in 1753.

AD 257 ADANSON, Michel  *Vocabulaire universel d'histoire naturelle*  
1,000 pp. 1754-1788. [Bound.] $22 \times 33$ cm  

An alphabetic list of the "noms simples" of all organisms in natural history, with their synonyms. Included are generic names of his *Familles des plantes*, equated with those of other authors. The number of names in this work was estimated by Adanson to be about 200,000. Many additional leaves have been intercalated.

AD 258 ADANSON, Michel  *Basileiophyton No. 3*  
200 pp. 1755(?). [Bound.] $16 \times 20$ cm  

Collationé Adanson No. 83. Annotated: "Catalogue du Jardin royal de Paris rangés suivant mes familles des plantes copiées de dessus mon petit cahier aves mes notes spécifiques par M. Bombarde en 1755. Ce cahier étroit le cahier sur lequel M. de Bombarde fit ranger son jardin botanique situé sur le terrain des Chartreux près la Barrière de N[otre] D[ame] des petits champs à Paris, par M. Gérard, Medecin de Provence qui publiua en 1762 d'après quelques unes de mes idées et mes familles son flora gallo-provincialis." The copy is carefully written in a handwriting unlike Adanson's. The date, 1755, given above shows evidence of alteration. Adanson’s original mss. is not in this collection.

AD 259 ADANSON, Michel  *À Monseigneur le Duc D’Ayen*  
2 pp. [1756–57]. $17 \times 22$ cm  

Adanson’s handwritten dedication to the Duc d’Ayen for his Histoire Naturelle du Sénégal (1757) [AD 4]. Signed by the Duke. Originally filed with the Approbation of the Académie [AD 359].

AD 260 ADANSON, Michel  *Carte générale du Sénégal*  
1 p. July 1757.  

Original manuscript map, on an older printed map, of that published in Adanson’s *Histoire naturelle du Sénégal. (1757)* [AD 4]. The drawing, executed by Philippe Buache, bears many corrections and additions by Adanson.
AD 261 ADANSON, Michel *Observations sur la végétation à Paris* 1757
3 pp. 1757 [with additions up to 1761]. 11×17.5, 18.5×24 cm
Phenological observations of Adanson on the development of leaves and flowers of different plants.

AD 262 ADANSON, Michel *Nouvelle construction des serres*
2 pp. [1759-1763]. 22×34 cm
The original drawings for the plate on Adanson's *Familles des plantes* with a sketch showing the desired arrangement of the partial drawings.

AD 263 ADANSON, Michel *Plan d'un ouvrage général sur la botanique*
20 pp. 18×23 cm [Rough draft]; 29 pp. 20.5×32 cm [Final draft] 1759.
The manuscript, in two drafts, of Adanson's announcement of his *Familles des plantes* read at the Académie on the occasion of the "rentrée publique de la Saint-Martin" on 14 November 1759.

AD 264 ADANSON, Michel *Jugement sur mes Familles des plantes*
35 pp. 1764. 11.5×17 cm
A list of reviews from current journals of Adanson's *Familles des plantes*. Included is a draft of Adanson's summary of the book, dated 21 Mars 1764, with the names of the journals to which this summary was sent. There is also a draft of a short letter of the same date to Monsieur Roux, editor of the *Journal de Médecine*, in which Adanson tells him that he left a copy of the book in the porch of his house the day before, and now sends a copy of the abstract to spare him the trouble of reading the volumes.

AD 265 ADANSON, Michel *Plan de la préface istorike de la botanike*
10 pp. [1764]. 11.5×17.5 cm
An enumeration of the contents, with page numbers, of the history of botany in the first volume of his *Familles des plantes*.

AD 266 ADANSON, Michel *Remarques sur les blés miracles, et découverte d'un orge de miracle*
9 pp. 1765. 17-21×22-32 cm
Three slightly different drafts of a paper read at the Académie on 9 August 1765 on barley with branched culms.
Annotations relate that the orge de miracle was shown at the Académie in 1764; that M. de Fouchy only wanted to make mention of this fact in the Histoire de l’Académie for 1765. This paper was printed in the Mémoire de l’Académie des Sciences, Paris 1765: 613-619. 1768.

AD 267 ADANSON, Michel Réponse aux diverses critiques qui ont paru de l’ouvrage intitulé Familles des plantes
6 pp. [ca. 1765]. 11 × 17 cm

Adanson’s reply to criticisms of his Familles des plantes, especially that by Duchesne in his Manuel de botanique Paris (1764) defending the priority of his natural families against insinuation of plagiarism of Bernard de Jussieu’s natural classification.

AD 268 ADANSON, Michel [Les genres des plantes; matériaux préparés en prévision d’une nouvelle édition des Familles des plantes, présentant les sus-dites familles en tableaux de 6 à 8 colonnes]
389 pp. [no date, probably between 1766 and 1769]. 17 × 22 cm

Adanson’s assignment and treatment of species within genera in the same manner as he treated genera within families in his Familles des plantes. This certainly is the work referred to in some of the letters of Adanson’s correspondents and is useful for clarification of Adanson’s concept of his genera. However, not all the families are included in this manuscript.

AD 269 ADANSON, Michel Résumé de sentiment et des erreurs de Duchesne sur les fraisiers
2 pp. [ca. 1766]. 17 × 22 cm


AD 270 ADANSON, Michel Froid où les végétaux commencent à souffrir et périssent en 1766
2 pp. 1766-76. 10.5 × 16.5 cm

Adanson’s observations on the effect of low temperatures on plants during the period of 1765 to 1767, placed in a large folio cover of a later date with a heading indicating his plan to prepare a paper on this for the Académie, which apparently was not done.
AD 271 ADANSON, Michel *Catalogue de mes livres*
4 pp. [ca. 1767-1768]. 22.5 × 35 cm

A manuscript catalogue of the library of Adanson, classified by subjects, with additional entries to 168. Numbers were added to these items, referred to as "collationé" numbers, which he wrote on the title-pages of his books. See pp. 268-275 and Fig. 32.

AD 272 ADANSON, Michel *[Extrait et critique de] Dubourg, un petit ouvrage intitulé Le botaniste ou notice des plantes qui se trouvent aux environs de Paris*
2 pp. [ca. 1767]. 11.5 × 18 cm

Summary and criticisms of Jacques Barbeu-Dubourg (1709-1779) *Le botaniste français, comprenant toutes les plantes communes et usuelles disposées suivant une nouvelle méthode et décrites en langue vulgaire*, Paris, 1767. Adanson alleges the classes proposed by Dubourg to be unnatural, and the treatment of families, extracted from Adanson's *Familles des plantes*, to be extremely abbreviated.

AD 273 ADANSON, Michel *Connaissance des Blés*
7 pp. [ca. 1767-1768]. 22.5 × 35 cm

Draft of a questionnaire concerning samples of wheat and of soils on which they are grown in different countries, to be sent to the French "ministres plénipotentiaires" in those countries. Includes also papers on Adanson's experiments on wheat varieties, their soils, and their cultivation, including a list of things to be done, dated "15 janv. 1768." Contained in a folder titled 27ᵉ Mémoire. *Sur la distinction des diverses espèces de Blé froment*.

AD 274 ADANSON, Michel *Extrait des observations météorologiques faites à la campagne près de Paris . . .*
4 pp. + ½ leaf tipped in. 1766. 22.5 × 34 cm


AD 275 ADANSON, Michel *Questions [concernant un bien à Villeneuve au Roy]*
16 pp. [1767]. 26 × 46, 17-20 × 22-24 cm

Lists of questions, and some maps, concerning the possible purchase of a property at Villeneuve au Roy (Allier), suggested to Adanson by C. F. Aved and originally filed with the latter's ten letters [AD 141-150].
AD 276 ADANSON, Michel *Sur un mouvement particulier découvert dans une plante appelée Tremella.*
4 pp. 24 Mars 1767. 22.5×35 cm
The manuscript of his paper read at the Académie and published in its *Mémoires* 1767: 564-572, plate 19, 1770. Adanson’s abstract was published in *L’Avant-coureur* 6 Avril 1767: 215-218. [cf. AD 206].

AD 277 ADANSON, Michel *Discours ou examen . . . sur la question y a-t-il entre les trois regnes animal, végétal et minéral des limites sensibles et distinctes: ou ces trois regnes se lient ils les uns aux autres par une chaine continue qui enfasse une unité réelle?*
3 pp. 1768. 23×35 cm
The beginning of a paper to have been submitted for a prize proposed for 1770 by the *Académie des Sciences, Belles-Lettres & Arts de Rouen* as was announced in a clipping from *L’Avant-coureur* (10 Oct. 1768) preserved with this manuscript.

AD 278 ADANSON, Michel *Ouvrages à faire en histoire naturelle*
10 pp. 23×35, 9 pp. 5.5×8.5 cm. [ca. 1768, in paper cover].
An extensive list of publications planned by Adanson with many details on content, size, publisher, and estimated cost. A later list of titles with another numbering sequence is included.

AD 279 ADANSON, Michel *Sur le sexe considéré dans les plantes et les animaux*
1 leaf. [ca. 1768, paper cover]. 11.5×19 cm
The beginning of a *Mémoire* for the *Académie*, treating some terms only.

AD 280 ADANSON, Michel *Système de botanique le plus facil qui se puisse [faire] fondé sur la considération de la situation des ovaires*
7 pp. [ca. 1768]. 10.5×17.5 cm
A draft of a paper to be read at the Académie, but never submitted, elaborating one of the many *systèmes* discussed in his *Familles des plantes*. The cover paper suggests the 1768 date.

AD 281 ADANSON, Michel *Histoire générale des animaux*
2 pp. [ca. 1768]. 22.5×35.5 cm
The incomplete introduction for a general work on animals. The paper cover is of the 1768 series of manuscripts.
The manuscript for the first part of these three seasons of lectures (cf. Nicolas p. 65) beginning, respectively, 30 January 1772, 17 December 1772, and 25 February 1774. It consists of twenty clearly written séances, each in a paper folder of the same size, gathered in a board folder. Originally the broadsheet poster for the courses [AD 7] was filed here. This manuscript was published in 1845 [cf. AD 9].

AD 283 Adanson, Michel Cours d’histoire naturelle. Règne végétal
143 pp. 1773. 17 × 22 cm
The manuscript of the botanical part of Adanson’s course, covering material presented from the 21st through the 26th séances.

AD 284 Adanson, Michel Cours d’histoire naturelle. Règne minéral
328 pp. 1772-1774. 17 × 22 cm
The manuscript of the mineralogical part of Adanson’s course, comprising the material of the 27th to 36th séances, plus that for the 37th—a recapitulation of the whole course and an analysis of the differences between the three natural kingdoms; probably rearranged from original.

AD 285 Adanson, Michel Cours d’histoire naturelle à la campagne
19 pp. 10 × 16 cm, 33 pp. 1773. 17 × 22 cm
A manuscript for a field course in natural history by Adanson, beginning 15 May 1773. An introduction summarizes the history of the herborisations in the environs of Paris, from the period of Tournefort (ca. 1690) to that of Bernard de Jussieu. There follows a list of the trips Adanson plans with places to be visited, and some crude maps, plus selected list of plants to be seen.

AD 286 Adanson, Michel Sur l’Acacia des anciens, et sur quelques autres arbres du Sénégal qui portent le gomme rougeatre appelée communément gomme arabique
9 pp. 1773. 18 × 25 cm
The manuscript of Adanson’s first mémoire on Acacia for the Académie, read 24 February 1773 and printed in the Mém. Acad. Sci. 1773: 1-17. 1777.

AD 287 Adanson, Michel Sur le gommier blanc appelé Uérek au Sénégal; sur la manière dont on en fait la récolte de sa gomme et de celle des Acacia et sur un autre arbre du même genre
9 pp. 1773. 18.5 × 25 cm
The manuscript of Adanson’s second Mémoire on Acacia for the Académie, read 11 July 1773.
AD 288 ADANSON, Michel  
*Plan d'un ouvrage universel d'histoire naturelle en gravures en folio*
20 pp. 1774. 18 × 25 cm
A collection of drafts of six papers soliciting subscriptions to Adanson’s proposed *Encyclopédie universelle*, to contain illustrations of all the plants, animals, and minerals of the world. All are dated in 1774. One is addressed to Prince Pignatelli, one to M. Bertin to be given to Madame la Comtesse du Barry with permission to present it to the king, two were for an advertisement or prospectus without evidence of having been printed. Another, is dated 1772, but the wording of many parts is that of those dated 1774. The last went to M. le Chevalier Daugny for M. Beaujon [Nicolas] (1718-1786) and M. Le Cardinal de Luymes [Paul d’Albert] (1703-1788).

AD 289 ADANSON, Michel  
*Infusions*
14 pp. 1774-1775-1776. 11.5 × 17.5 cm
Records of Adanson’s observations, with marginal sketches, on infusions with different substrata, infusoria, and cristals, and concerned mostly with the presence or absence of movement.

AD 290 ADANSON, Michel  
*Expériences sur la Tremella et les Confèves*
16 pp. 1775-76. 11.5 × 17 cm
Data on experiments with Algae. Filed originally with AD 291.

AD 291 ADANSON, Michel  
*Nouvelles expériences sur la réproduction, sur le mouvement oscillatoire, et sur quelques autres qualités et propriétés de la plante appelée Tremella*
4 pp. [1775-1776]. 18.5 × 24.5 cm
An unfinished paper for the Académie on the properties of Algae, of which an earlier draft was written on the same leaf with a copy of a letter to Bonaventure Corti dated 10 July 1775. It contains Adanson’s opinion that “revival” of the Tremella is not a “revivification” but a germination from detached parts, comparable to that from seeds.

AD 292 ADANSON, Michel  
*Plan et tableau de mes ouvrages manuscrits et en figures, depuis l’année 1741 jusqu’en 1775, distribuées suivant ma méthode naturelle découverte au Sénégal en 1749*
31 pp. 1775. 18.5 × 24.5 cm
The first and the final drafts of the paper read at the Académie 15 February 1775 on Adanson’s large plans for a universal encyclopedia [for publication cf. AD 8]. The rough draft contains details omitted from the final draft, such as Adanson’s definition of système vs. méthode.
AD 293 ADANSON, Michel *Articles d'histoire naturelle*
120, 3, 2 pp. [1776]. 19 × 23–25 cm
The manuscript of most of Adanson's contributions to the *Supplément* of Diderot's *Encyclopédie*. A few entries in the alphabetical sequence Aal-Cornuto are not represented in the *Encyclopédie* by Adanson's contribution.

AD 294 ADANSON, Michel *[Compte rendu] des droits de Sonnerat pour prétendre titre de correspondant [de l'Académie]*
3 pp. [ca. 1776]. [last leaf partly torn]. 12 × 18 cm
A manuscript documenting Sonnerat's eligibility as a *Correspondant de l'Académie*; prepared at the Académie's request, and summarizing Sonnerat's accomplishments.

AD 295 ADANSON, Michel *Catalogues des paix*
1 p. 1777–1779. 11 × 17 cm
This contains: *Observations à faire en Sicile* given to the Prince Pinatelli in August 1777. Items AD 163, 207, 300, and 365 were originally filed with this one.

AD 296 ADANSON, Michel *Remarques d'histoire naturelle sur un mémoire et un herbier de M. Sonnerat*
8 pp. 1777. 18.5 × 24.5 cm, 2 pp. 11 × 17.5 cm, 4 slips 6.5 × 12 cm.
A manuscript, with the rough draft and some plant lists on Sonnerat, read to the Académie on 19 and 22 November 1777; not published, "non admis" fide Adanson notation.

AD 297 ADANSON, Michel *Loix naturelles*
12 pp. [ca. 1779]. 11 × 17 cm + 2 smaller slips.
In the majority of the pages the word Préface follows the title. The primary question treated is *Existe-t-il un ordre naturel entre les Etres qui composent l'Univers?* Two leaves show offsets of color plates, identifying them as guard-leaves from a copy of Knoop, *Fructologie*.

AD 298 ADANSON, Michel *Méthode de M. de Lamarck*
27 pp. + newspaper clipping in paper cover. 1779. 11 × 17 cm
A manuscript of a critique of Lamarck's *Flore Françoise*, of which a report by the *commissaires* at the Académie was read 6 February 1779. Much or all of this very critical manuscript was written by Adanson within a week of the session. Yet the book as a whole (especially the Approbation) could not have been ready at that time; the accompanying clipping, dated 28 Mars 1779, states that Lamarck presented a copy to the king and queen on 21 March.
AD 299 Adanson, Michel Plan de descriptions et de figures completes d’un considérablement . . . nombre nouvellement découverts et de quelques en particulier qui n’avoient observés avec parfait d’exactitude
10 pp. [ca. 1779.] 17 × 22 cm

An unfinished manuscript of a paper to be read at the Académie, including a long Latin description of mangrove (Rhizophora Linn.). The paper’s watermark is dated 1777.

AD 300 Adanson, Michel Plantes observées autour d’Aix
2 pp. 1779. 11 × 17 cm

A list of plants observed by Adanson in the neighborhood of Aix-en-Provence, especially on Mont Saint-Victoire, 18-23 August 1779.

AD 301 Adanson, Michel [Rapport] sur un mémoire intitulée: Observations sur les parties organiques des champignons, et leur manière de se reproduire, par M. Palisot de Beauvois
4 pp. [ca. 1780]. 18.5 × 25 cm

Manuscript for a report to the Académie on behalf of “nos commissaires,” but without evidence of later presentation.

AD 302 Adanson, Michel Catalogue des plantes au nombre de 1542 conservées dans des bocaux à liqueur au Cabinet de l’Académie royale des sciences—rangées suivant la méthode naturelle des familles des Plantes . . . en 1781 à 1783. Plus animaux depuis le No. 1600 jus-qui à 1709
107 pp. 1781-1783. 12 × 18 cm

A green covered notebook comprising his list of plants and animals, numbered consecutively, of a collection preserved in the cabinet of the Académie, and of which no other record is known to us. Adanson added dates after many of the names, presumably those of their collection, and which range from 1736 to 1748, but mainly 1746 to 1747.

AD 303 Adanson, Michel Remarkes sur les 4 familles . . . de M. Palissot [sic] de Beauvois . . .
2 pp. [1783]. 10.5 × 16.5 cm

A summary and criticism of a paper by Palisot de Beauvois on cryptogams prepared for the Académie.
AD 304 ADANSON, Michel *Académie universelle encyclopédique*
19 pp. [ca. 1789-1790]. II × 17 cm

Manuscripts comprising Adanson’s ideas of and projects for a universal academy and its functions, including brief indications of proposals Adanson received from Spain, Louvain, and Russia and in response to which he sent similar plans.

AD 305 ADANSON, Michel *Epokes de sa vie*
1 p. 1789-1790. II × 16.5 cm

A list of the important events in Adanson’s life for the period of 1772 to 1789 with one note for 1 January 1790. The first page, accounting for the earlier period, is missing.

The manuscripts that comprise the group AD 306 to AD 331 inclusive are written only by Adanson, and are either undated or comprise a mélange of mixed dates, and are presented in alphabetic sequence of title.

AD 306 ADANSON, Michel *Accroissement végétal*
108 pp. II × 16.5 cm

A collection of notes and newspaper clippings on growth, especially data from Adanson’s experiments with wheat.

AD 307 ADANSON, Michel *[Agriculture]*
83 pp. II × 16.5 cm

Manuscript notes and newspaper clippings on various agricultural subjects, gathered under such headings as: défrichemens (cleaning), engrais (manuring), labours (plowing), moisson (harvesting).

AD 308 ADANSON, Michel *Arbres ; Bois ; Forêts ; Taille des arbres*
133 pp. II × 17.5 cm

A collection of notes and clippings concerning trees, forests, and timber.

AD 309 ADANSON, Michel *Blèds*
425 pp. II × 17 cm

A collection of notes, observations, and results of Adanson’s cereal experiments in the 1760’s, including some copies of his requests for seeds, etc. Special sections include culture, varietal distinctions, germination, ergot, and cereal products.
AD 310 ADANSON, Michel *Catalogue alfabetique des maladies les plus ordinaires des gens de la campagne et des simples ou plantes qui croissent autor d'eux pour les guérir et les nourrir*
37 pp. 11 × 17 cm

A manuscript on medical botany for the layman, with the properties of sixteen plant species.

AD 311 ADANSON, Michel *Catalogue des plantes ; herborisations ; Paris*
5 pp. 11 × 17 cm

Lists (in a paper cover) of the plants found in the environs of Paris, especially of Fontainebleau and Meudon, including a leaf listing, with prices, the food required for a lunch for twenty persons on a trip. Two short lists in the hand of B. de Jussieu are removed [cf. AD 363].

AD 312 ADANSON, Michel *Contradictions de Linné*
49 pp. 11 × 17 cm

Adanson's collection of his criticisms on specific points in Linnaeus' works, some of minor importance. In a paper cover.

AD 313 ADANSON, Michel *Discours sur la manière d'étudier l'histoire naturelle*
5 pp. 17 × 22 cm

A manuscript intended as an introduction for his *Dictionnaire de botanique*, containing criticisms of Linnaeus, and Adanson's opinions on the correct méthode for botany.

AD 314 ADANSON, Michel *Discours sur l'utilité de l'histoire naturelle*
12 pp. 19 × 23 cm + 4 smaller leaves.

Noted by Adanson as the preface for his *Dictionnaire universelle d'histoire naturelle*; describes briefly the economic importance of natural history of a dictionary of this branch of science. The requirements of adequate phytography are set forth.

AD 315 ADANSON, Michel *Éclaircissement sur la méthode naturelle de M. de Jussieu*
39 pp. 11 × 17.5 cm

A manuscript of Adanson's opinions on Bernard de Jussieu's system of classification with a justification for his own méthode naturelle. In it, Adanson defends his claim for priority for his ideas. Notes that M. Coindet could certify that the answer to a question by J.-J. Rousseau and erroneously credited to de Jussieu was provided by Adanson [cf. AD 132].
AD 316 **ADANSON, Michel** *Filatures. Coton*
17 pp. 5.5 × 2.25 and 11 × 17 cm
A manuscript mainly on cotton: the species, origin, culture, flowers, and qualities. Includes seven samples of cotton fibers.

AD 317 **ADANSON, Michel** *Fruits*
391 pp. 11 × 17 cm
A collection of manuscripts on fruits and fruit trees. In addition to general topics, treatments of individual *fraisiers* (strawberry), *maronier* (chestnut), *oranger*, *melons*, *pêchers* (peach), *poiriers* (pear), and *pommiers* (apple). A few of the Deschizeaux-type leaves are present (cf. p. 268), together with a few newspaper clippings. In the *poirier* collection a drawing by Adanson illustrating a monstrosity is included.

AD 318 **ADANSON, Michel** *Gelées; ses effets sur les végétaux*
5 pp. 11.5 × 17.5 cm
A manuscript containing Adanson's opinions on the effects of frost on plants.

AD 319 **ADANSON, Michel** *Graminum divisio Adansoniana*
6 pp. 19 × 24 cm
A tabulated classification of the grasses, written either during the latter part of his work in Senegal or after his return to France.

AD 320 **ADANSON, Michel** *Jardinage, traité méthodiquement*
74 pp. 21 × 32 cm
A manuscript of a general treatise on gardening practices, noted by Adanson to have been based on the earlier writings of abbé Pluche and *Sieur* [Louis] Liger and others, referring possibly to *Spectacle de la nature* by Antoine-Nicolas Pluche (1736-1751), and one or more of the several horticultural works of Louis Liger (1698-1771), whose last was published in 1745. This is an early Adanson manuscript, probably before his voyage to Senegal, or early in his Senegal period. Its cover bears the number "49," added later, of his large series of planned publications.

AD 321 **ADANSON, Michel** *Jardinage*
225 pp. 11 × 17 cm
A collection of gardening notes, especially of work to be done each month of the year, of reports of experiment in Adanson's gardens for many years, and of articles for his treatment of greenhouses in his *Familles des plantes,*
including a mathematical table in Andriot’s handwriting, parts of which were used in Adanson’s tables on pp. 130 and 131 of his Familles.

AD 322 Adanson, Michel Livres et figures à acheter
8 pp. \(11 \times 17\) cm
A collection of annotated references primarily of illustrated books on natural history which Adanson wanted, with an indication of prices.

AD 323 Adanson, Michel Memoire sur les monstruosités dans les plantes et sur les moyens d’avoir des fleurs doubles
1 p. [written on the back of a playing card, in a paper cover]. \(5.5 \times 9\) cm
A note of an experiment to be made to produce double flowers. The cover’s inscription indicates that Adanson planned to prepare a mémoire for the Académie on monstruosities among plants. Béguillet’s letter [AD 161] was originally filed here.

AD 324 Adanson, Michel Observations sur une monstruosité de l’orge sucrion à graines avec ovaires embryons doubles et éclaircissement à ce sujet sur ce qu’on doit appeler cotyledons dans certaines plantes graminées
1 p. with drawings \(17.5 \times 22.5\) cm, 2 pp. of text \(22.5 \times 35\) cm, and 2 herbarium specimens + 2 smaller leaves.
An incomplete manuscript with drawings, grain specimens (barley) and two specimens of seedlings; prepared as a mémoire for the Académie (never submitted).

AD 325 Adanson, Michel Nouveau spectacle de la nature
4 pp. \(17.5 \times 22.5\) cm
The preface in a book whose title was adapted from Pluche’s Spectacle de la Nature [cf. AD 320], in which Adanson criticizes Pluche, and provides an outline of his projected book.

AD 326 Adanson, Michel Physiologia sive historia naturalis
4 pp. [on strips] \(11 \times 26.5\) cm
A Latin manuscript of natural history definitions and primary subdivisions. Page 3, dated 18 Apr. 1750, describes his microscopic observations on blood, with two small sketches and a count of the number of blood cells.
AD 327  ADANSON, Michel  *Plan[s] [des jardins]*  
56 pp. 11 × 17, 19 × 25, 10 × 16, 12 × 19, and 12 × 22.5 cm  
A collection of plans and notes of various gardens, including some clippings.

AD 328  ADANSON, Michel  *Plantae*  
44 pp. 18 × 24 cm + some narrow strips  
A tabulation, mostly in Latin, of plant genera (more or less in the Tour- 
nefortian system) with family names added later.

AD 329  ADANSON, Michel  *Plantes medicinales à avoir ex Mat[eria] Med[ica] Lin[naei]*  
2 pp. 18.5 × 23 cm  
A list of desiderata of 335 medicinal plants described in Linnaeus’ *Materia medica* (1749).

AD 330  ADANSON, Michel  *[Plantes du Sénégal]*  
212 pp. 11 × 17 cm. Includes some clippings.  
Entries extracted from his *Dictionnaire de botanique* [AD 333], concerning plant 
names and their synonyms to which are added data on his Senegal collect-
tions, usually as a collection number.

AD 331  ADANSON, Michel  *Vins. Vignes. Liqueurs*  
142 pp. ca. 11 × 18 cm, 10 pp. ca. 19 × 24 cm including many clippings.  
A collection of notes and clippings about wine, grapes, and beverages. Some 
leaves are in handwritings other than Adanson’s.

AD 332  ADANSON, Michel & DAUBENTON [Jean-Louis-Marie] (1716-1800)  
*[Rapport des commissaires de l’Académie sur un mémoire intitulé :] Discours 
sur les orties marines ou les anémones de mer par M. Vastel doct. . . . de la 
société académique de Cherbourg . . .*  
2 pp. 11 × 17 cm  
Adanson’s report on a paper submitted to the Académie.

AD 333  ADANSON, Michel [& DESCHIZEAUX, P.]  *Dictionnaire de botanique*  
Ca. 12,000 pp. ca. 11 × 17 cm now arranged in nine Solander boxes.  
This is Adanson’s collection of data on plants, arranged by generic or 
common name, similar to a modern card file. The entries are alphabetical
by plant name and provide the synonymy, sometimes descriptions, and
often some printed figures of the plant concerned. The majority of the
slips are the Deschizeaux-type of handwriting and are of data extracted
from earlier works. Many entries include also clippings, mostly from
Bauhin, *Pinax theatri botanici* (1623, or the 2nd ed. 1671). The figures pasted
on the slips are from N. Lémery (1645-1715), *Dictionnaire ou traité universel des drogues
simples*, Paris (ed. of 1689 or 1714). Another set of plates, folded to the size of
the slips, is of unidentified origin. Adanson wrote a new generic name on a
considerable number of the slips, and added in his hand others with similar
data. Some of the entries originally included here are now identified by
separate numbers in this inventory. For dates of Deschizeaux cf. AD 355.

AD 334  ADANSON, Michel & Fougroux [de Bondaroy, Auguste-Denis]
(1732-1789) [Rapport des commissaires nommés par l’Académie pour lire et
examiner] un mémoire de M. Antoine Laurent de Jussieu . . . intitulé Examen
de la famille des Renoncules
10 pp. 1773. 17 × 22 cm

Comprises the first and second draft of a report by Adanson, to be counter-
signed by Fougroux, on the paper of A.-L. de Jussieu and the later “Mémoire
pour servir de rapport à celui qui a été lu à l’académie le 13 février 1773.”
These three memoirs, actually written by Adanson, belong together. The
first two may represent drafts written before and after his discussions with
Fougroux. For example, Adanson’s reluctance to judge the paper of A.-L.
de Jussieu, with what he is so involved is omitted from the second draft.
It appears in the beginning of the third mémoire, where the priority of his
own ideas is stated. In this paper Adanson states that he yielded to pressure
to serve as a commissaire for A.-L. de Jussieu’s paper by the vœu of the Académie
and the prières of his friend, Bernard de Jussieu.

AD 335  ADANSON, Michel & Fougroux [de Bondaroy, Auguste-Denis]
[Rapport des commissaires nommés par l’Académie pour lire et examiner] un
Mémoire de M. Descemet . . . intitulé : Nouvelles découvertes sur la structure
des organes de la génération de différentes espèces d’Apocins de Periploca et
d’Asclepias de Tournefort, et sur la manière dont se fait l’acte de génération
dans ces fleurs
9 pp. 11 × 17, 1779. 17 × 22 cm

Comprises Adanson’s first and second draft of a report for the Académie,
for which Fougroux was commissaire also, but without any indication that
the original was signed by the latter. Annotated: “Fait au Louvre ce
Fevrier 1779.” The second draft has some deletions.
1 p. 1779. 11 x 17.5 cm
A first draft in Adanson's hand of a report on an abstract of a paper by Descemet; the date of its presentation to the Académie is not given.

2 pp. text, 2 pp. sketches. 1779. 10 x 15 and 12 x 18 cm
A first draft in Adanson's hand of a report on a third paper by Descemet; date: "ce____Avril 1779."

1 p., n.d. 11 x 17 cm
Adanson's first draft of a mémoire on a new genus; Adanson proposed a new Latin name for this genus in honor of Desfontaines. Dated "Fait au Louvre ce____-1779."

AD 339 Adanson, Michel & Fougeroux [de Bondaroy, Auguste-Denis] [Rapport des commissaires nommés par l'Académie pour lire] un Mémoire de M. Vastel . . . intitulé, Expériences et observations nouvelles sur la germination faites à Cherbourg en 1779
1 p. 1780. 11 x 17 cm
Adanson's first draft of a report on Vastel's paper describing experiments with seedlings from which different parts were removed. Dated: "Lû à l'Académie le____Fevrier 1780."

AD 340 Adanson, Michel & Jussieu, [Bernard] de [Rapport des commissaires] nommés par l'Académie pour l'examen de la question suivante, proposée par la Société des Arts de Londres, savoir "s'il croît en France pendant les mois de Decembre, Janvier, Fevrier, Mars et Avril, quelqu'espèce d'herbe ou chienent
suffisant de toute sorte de bétail; que la raison et l’analogie persuadent que le Père commun de tout n’a pas laissé la conservation de ces animaux uniquement aux soins de l’homme, pour le nourrir pendant cette saison avec de fourrage sec seulement, et que ces mêmes herbes leur ont été données pour qu’ils puissent s’en nourrir alors eux mêmes et vivre au moines dans un état suportable..."

2 pp. 1760. 18 × 24.5 cm

Adanson’s draft of a report concerning the question raised by P. Templeman in his letter of 29 July 1760 [cf. AD 242] in the format regularly used for the printer’s copy. Annotated: “Lu à l’Académie en Août 1760.”

AD 341 ADANSON, Michel & Jussieu, [Bernard] de [Rapport des commissaires nommés par l’Académie pour examiner] un ouvrage de M. Duhamel qui a pour titre Traité de la garance et de sa culture brochure in 12 de 131 pâges avec 4 planches
2 pp. 1765. 15.5 × 22 cm

Adanson’s first draft of a report on Duhamel du Monceau’s book on madder [cf. AD 52]. Read at the Académie: 27 July 1765.

AD 342 ADANSON, Michel & Jussieu, [Bernard] de [Rapport des commissaires nommés par l’Académie pour lire] une lettre de M. Linneus [sic] du 3 Août de cette année dans laquelle ilannonce avoir observé un mouvement très étonnant dans la plante qu’il appele Marchantia polymorpha, ...
7 pp. 1767. 18 × 22 cm

Adanson’s draft of a report on a Linnaean letter concerning movement in Marchantia, allegedly discovered by Linnaeus. In this report Adanson cited M. Marchant fils’ earlier description of the same phenomenon (in Mém. Acad. Sci. 1713, p. 230). Moreover B. de Jussieu reported to the Académie that he observed this movement not only in Marchantia, but in Jungermannia and Anthoceros. A transcription of Linnaeus’ letter is added, as are quotations from the cited periodicals. The report was read to the Académie on 25 November 1767.

4 pp. 1773. ca. 19 × 23 cm + 1 small leaf.
Adanson’s draft of a report on documentation of the introduction of clove and nutmeg to the East African islands from the Moluccas. The documents were deposited at the Académie; the specimens were described by Adanson as identical with others from Banda. Read at the Académie on 17 February 1773.

14 pp. 1775-1790. 12 × 18 cm

Adanson’s drafts of reports on portions of Duhamel’s work on fish and fishing. The first two reports, dated 9 Dec. 1775 and 30 Aug. 1777, cite Bernard de Jussieu, as collaborating commissaire, and the last, dated only 1778, cites Antoine-Laurent de Jussieu. Notes concerning fishes have been added, including two pages with a drawing of a West African fish, translated by Adanson from a note in Spanish of Audibert-Caille, received in January 1790.

AD 345 Adanson, Michel & Morand, [Sauveur François] (1697-1773) [Rapport des commissaires nommés par l’Académie pour lire] Des observations sur des vegetations extraordinaires par M. Marcorelle correspondant de l’Académie
2 pp. 1771. 18 × 25 cm

Draft of a report in Adanson’s hand on a paper containing the account of six different observations on plant growth, of which early growth of grapes is discussed amply by Adanson. Read at the Académie: 26 June 1777.

AD 346 Barrelier, Jacques (1606-1673) Plantes d’Espagne et Portugal rangées suivant le système de Tournefort.
108 pp. n.d. 18 × 25 cm [Bound in vellum, numbered “No. 5.”]

The title given is written on the cover in Adanson’s hand; the first page has the latin title: “Plantes hysp. et Lusit. ordin. methodicis ex R. Syll. Clus. et Tournefortio.” The handwriting of this list of Latin names of plants resembles closely that ascribed to Deschizeaux. Nevertheless the binding, similar to that of AD 348, bearing “No. 4,” suggests Barrelier as the writer.

AD 347 Barrelier, Jacques Plantes en langue Espagnole en 2 ordres.
38 pp. n.d. 15 × 21 cm.

A manuscript in the same hand as are AD 346 and 348, consisting of two parts: Table des noms Espagnols et latins extraite de Matteole par Laguna [Andrés]
(1494-1560) ordre alphab. (25 pp.) and Table des noms Espagnols des plantes tirés de Laguna, par ordre méthodique. The Italian watermark, from Genoa, added evidence for crediting this to Barrelier, since Italian-made paper was used in Spain.

AD 348 [Barrelier, Jacques] *Plantes suivant l'ordre de ses voyages de Paris en Espagne aux Alpes et en Suisse.*
168 pp. 15.5×21.5 cm [Bound in vellum with scars of an earlier burning], numbered “No. 4.” n.d.

A list of plants from the different parts of Barrelier’s voyage, possibly written by himself. A part of a leaf printed in Spanish is used to reinforce the spine; possibly written by Barrelier during his voyage. The manuscripts of Barrelier are known to have been saved from a fire; the scars here suggest that this document was a part of that collection. Nevertheless the original handwriting of Barrelier should be compared with that of this list. An annotation, probably in Adanson’s hand, on the cover reads: “Excellent.”

AD 349 Bauhin, Johann (1541-1613) *Synonyma J. Bauhini Tournefortionis appropriata* 212 pp. 17.25. 21×27 cm [in vellum cover].

A manuscript of the Deschizeaux type, marked: “a me excerpta Jan. et Febr. 1725.” in a cover used earlier for Dalechamps’ Synonyms [AD 355], and bearing both titles in the same hand.

AD 350 B[éguellet, Edme] (ca. 1720-1786) *Moyens de se procurer des fleurs doubles* 4 pp. n.d. 25×37 cm

A manuscript headed, under the calligraphic title, “Extraits de l’anthologie ou discours sur la nature et le sexe des fleurs. Par M. B . . . de l’institut de Bologne des Academies de Florence, Montpellier, &c . . . ,” concerning double flowers. Author’s surname noted by Adanson.

AD 351 Bont, Jacob de (1592-1631) *Plantae ex Java*
5 pp. 16×21 cm

A manuscript of the Deschizeaux-type with a condensed list of the plants in Bont (1658).

AD 352 Clusius, [Charles de l’Escluse] (1525-1609) *Synonima Clus. Hisp. quo ad icones*
16 pp. n.d. 15.5×21 cm

A Deschizeaux-type manuscript with lists of plants from Clusius’ *Rario rum aliquot stirpium per Hispanias obs ***historia* (1576).
AD 353 Commelin, [Kaspar] (1668-1731) Rariores et exoticae plantae. Rariorum plantarum in praeludiis botanicis recensitarum descriptiones
6 pp. 17.5 × 23 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript with lists of plants from two books by Commelin, published in Leiden (1715).

AD 354 Dalechamps, Jacques (1513-1588) Lugdunensis historiae synonima ordine methodico
50, 4 pp. ca. 17-18 × 21.5-23 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript with lists of plants from Dalechamps, Historia generalis plantarum (1578 edition?) arranged according to Tournefort's system of classification.

AD 355 [Deschizeaux, Pierre] (1687-ca. 1735?) Plantes des environs de Saint-Petersbourg
12 pp. 1724, ca. 14.5 × 18 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript, probably by Deschizeaux, in connection with his voyages to St. Petersburg. Consists of a list of plant names with a Latin title. Preserved in a board cover, in which Adanson originally filed a number of manuscripts of the Deschizeaux type. The date of death of Deschizeaux, often cited as 1730, is incorrect, being shortened from circa 1730. The date of 1735 needs confirmation.

AD 356 [Deschizeaux, Pierre] Catalogue des plantes démontrés au jardin roial depuis 1728 jusqu'en 1733 avec des additions. Hortus regius parisiensis
192, 35, 7, 15, pp. ca. 17-18 × 22 cm [Bound in board cover.]
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript containing lists of plant names from the Jardin du Roi, Paris.

AD 357 Donati, [Vitaliano] (1713-1763) Plantes marines, leur division
3 pp. 11 × 17 cm

AD 358 Gleditsch, [Johann Gottlieb] (1714-1786) Systema gleditschianum
15 pp. ca. 16 × 20.5 cm
AD 359 GRAND-JEAN DE FOUCHY, Jean-Paul *Extrait des registres de l’Académie Royale des Sciences du 4 Decembre 1756*
1 p. 1756. 18.5 × 25 cm
The original certificate of the approbation of the Académie for Adanson’s *Histoire du Sénégal* [AD 4].

AD 360 GRAND-JEAN DE FOUCHY, Jean-Paul *Extrait des registres de l’Académie Royale des Sciences du 4 Mars 1775*
1 p. 9 March 1775. ca. 16.5 × 21 cm
An unpublished certificate concerning Adanson’s plan for an *Encyclopédie*, read at the Académie in 1775. The committee nominated to study Adanson’s manuscripts considered the plan desirable and recognized the usefulness of such an encyclopedia of natural history. Reports that Adanson is advised to begin to publish the account of his voyages, for which government support is invited.

AD 361 JUSSIEU L’AINÉ, [Antoine] de (1686-1785) *Herborisations du bois de Boulogne*
7 pp. n.d. 17 × 22-23 cm
A list of plants of the Paris region in the hand of the Deschizeaux-type mss.

AD 362 JUSSIEU L’AINÉ, [Antoine] de *Herborisation de Saint-Prix*
7 pp. n.d. ca. 11 × 18 cm
Another list of plants of the Paris region in the hand of the Deschizeaux-type mss.

AD 363 [JUSSIEU, Bernard de] *Herborisation*
3 pp. n.d. ca. 9 × 12-15 cm
Some undated and unsigned lists of plants of different places in the Paris region in Bernard de Jussieu’s hand. Originally filed by Adanson with his note on the herborisations of the Paris region.

3 pp. 1769. 22 × 35 cm
Adanson’s draft of a report on Renard’s paper which compares the systems of Tournefort and Linnaeus. A large part of Adanson’s criticism of the author was suppressed. This is one of two reports in which Adanson is given as the junior author. It was read at the Académie on 1 February 1769.
3 pp. 1770. 19 × 23 cm
Adanson’s rough draft of a report on a paper of Linnaeus, read at the Académie on 13 June 1770.

AD 366 Le Toncier, ______, [Contract for hiring a coach for a voyage from Paris to Chaumont en Bassigny for 8 days]
1 p. 3 March 1767. Ca. 17 × 22 cm
A document, written by the owner, signed by Adanson, describing the carriage and terms for its hire [cf. AD 143, 144].

AD 367 Marcorelle, ______, Mémoire sur le Salicor
12 pp. [1766]. Ca. 20 × 30 cm
A revised manuscript of a paper on the properties and the culture of Salsola soda L. and the preparation of potash from it [cf. AD 215, 216]. Filed with it is Adanson’s draft of an abstract of an earlier paper and a list of the points to be revised.

AD 368 Oelhafius, Nicolaus (d. prior to 1656) Plante sponte nascentes circa Dantiscum boruscorum
18 pp. n.d. Ca. 17 × 21 cm
An alphabetical list of the Deschizeaux-type mss. of plant names from Danzig, abstracted from Oelhafius’ [misspelled Olhasius in this mss.] Elenchus plantarum circa . . . Dantiscum sua sponte nascentium . . . 2nd ed. 1656; the manuscript cites date as 1657.

AD 369 Orta, Garcia da (ca. 1500-1570) and Monardes, Nicolas (1493-1588) [Due libri dell’istoria dei semplici dall’Indie orientali (by da Orta); Due altri libri dall’Indie occidentali (by Monardes)]
21 pp. 14 × 19 cm
A Deschizeaux-type mss. of plant names, citing only the chapter headings and the authors’ names.

AD 370 Plantae Lusitanicae. Catalogue de plantes du Portugal
4 pp. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript of a list of Latin names of Portuguese plants; probably an abstract.
AD 371 [Plantes de Martinique. Plantes de] Guadeloupe
4 pp. [Martinique], 4 pp. [probably Martinique], 72 pp. Guadeloupe. 19-20 × 24-28 cm

A Deschizeaux-type mss., defective, especially at margins, and incomplete. Written or copied from another mss. by some Guadeloupean who botanized also on Martinique, giving polynomials for the plants and references to exact localities. A reference to Bernard de Jussieu’s opinion is included. Last date found in it is 1730.

AD 372 Plantes du botanicum parisiensis . . .
22 pp. n.d. Ca. 19 × 23 cm

A Deschizeaux-type mss. of an alphabetic list of polynomials of plants of the Paris region.

AD 373 PLUMIER, Charles (1646-1704) Nova genera
52 pp. [in gray paper cover]. 19 × 20 cm

A Deschizeaux-type mss. of names of new genera in Plumier’s Nova plantarum Americanarum genera (1703).

AD 374 PLUMIER, Charles Index n[ovum] generum plantarum Americanarum . . .
15 pp. [in gray paper cover], n.d. Ca. 16-17 × 23 cm

Indices of Plumier’s book of 1703 in a hand of the Deschizeaux-type, an alphabetical followed by a systematical list of generic names.

AD 375 RHEEDE TOT DRAAKESTEIN, Hendrik Adriaan van (1635-1691)
Synonima H[orti] Malabaric]
12 pp. n.d. Ca. 15 × 21 cm

A Deschizeaux-type list of plant names from the first two volumes of van Rheede tot Draakestein’s Hortus Malabaricus (1678-79).

AD 376 SONNERAT, Pierre Observations sur l’Inde et la Chine
26 pp. 1776. Ca. 19 × 23 cm

The original manuscript of a paper describing Sonnerat’s travels and observations during his voyages, sent from Canton 29 Dec. 1776, with an accompanying letter [AD 237] to Adanson, received in Aug. 1777.
AD 377 Tessier, "Abbé" [Henri-Alexandre] Catalogue des graines que j’ai reçues d’Egypte
7 pp. n.d. 19 × 25 cm
A list of plant names in French, Egyptian, and Latin of which seeds were received. Annotated by Adanson: “communiqué par l’abbé Tessier,” and after the title, “recues d’Egypte de M. Mûre Consul autrefois au Caire at è Alexandrine du temps de mon frère qui étoit depuis ces Echelles depuis l’ans 1748 (Adanson).”

AD 378 [Thévenot, Jean] (1633–1667) Extrait du voyage des indes manuscrit
10 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
A Deschizeaux-type abstract of a manuscript which, according to an annotation in the same hand, was “entre les mains de M. Adam de Valencourt[?] medecin . . .” On the cover Adanson wrote of that manuscript, “conservé chez Charaz.”

AD 379 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de (1656–1708) Abbégé de la Methode de tournefort [sic] en français
54 pp. n.d. Ca. 15 × 19 cm [In vellum cover titled Lettre de Patente].
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript, an abstract of Tournefort’s Elémens de botanique (1694), preceded by alphabetic lists of the Latin and French generic names.

AD 380 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de [Espèces de Tournefort]
188 pp. n.d. [Bound in vellum] Ca. 19 × 23 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript of the species names from one of Tournefort’s works, possibly his Institutiones rei herbariae (1700). The vellum cover bears the handwritten names “Jean Deschizeaux” and “Guillaume Deschizeaux.”

AD 381 [Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de] Table alphabetique des genres des plantes, avec l’indice de leurs classes, sections, et genres.
18 pp. [probably after 1728]. Ca. 14 × 22 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript of an alphabetic list from Tournefort’s Institutiones rei herbariae (1700) together with a manuscript of his Corollarium (1703).

AD 382 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de [Herborisations de Paris] I. II. Herborisation au dela de la porte de la Conference . . .; Bois de Boulogne
18 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript list of the plants found on Tournefort’s field trips in the Paris region; the first and second of a series, originally in a hard board cover.
AD 383 **Tournefort**, Joseph Pitton de [Herborisations de Paris] III. *Herborisation des environs de Surene, de St. Cloux et de Seve*
6 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
The third list of Tournefort's field trips in the Paris region, of the Deschizeaux-type of handwriting.

AD 384 **Tournefort**, Joseph Pitton de [Herborisations de Paris] IV. *Herborisation de la porte St. Antoine, Bercy, Charenton, bois de Vincennes, isles de la Marne et St. Maur*
17 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
The fourth list of Tournefort's field trips in the Paris region, of the Deschizeaux-type handwriting. Inside, however, appears the number V.

AD 385 **Tournefort**, Joseph Pitton de [Herborisations de Paris] V. *Herborisation de Gentilli, Arceuil [sic], Cachan, Berny et Antony*
14 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
The fifth list of this series, numbered inside as "IV."

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Fig. 38. Adanson medal (Obverse). Georges Guiraud del. et sc. Cf. pp. 107-108.
AD 386 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de [Herborisations de Paris] VI. Herborisations de plus [lieu] rs endroits des environs de Paris
29 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
The sixth list of the series, with plant names not included in the other five lists.

AD 387 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de Plantae quae in propriis locis quaeri debent ex Tournefortio
24 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 21 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript list of plant names in alphabetic sequence.

AD 388 Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de Plantes qui croissent aux environs de Paris
39 pp. n.d. Bound in vellum with an old date 15 May 1716. Ca. 16 × 19 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript of twenty-two chapters of a Tournefort paper, giving only lists of plant names.

Adanson Medal (Reverse).
AD 389 **Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de** *Voyage du Levant de M. Tournefort*
8 pp. n.d. Ca. 17 × 22 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript of the plant names from Tournefort's travels in Asia Minor.

AD 390 **Vaillant, [Sébastien] (1669-1722)** *Remarques sur la méthode de Tournefort*
72 pp. n.d. Ca. 16 × 22 cm
A Deschizeaux-type manuscript in which Vaillant, the successor to Tournefort, criticizes his botanical ideas.

**Herbarium Specimens**

AD 391 **Adanson, Michel** *Monstruosités [Herbarium]*.
An herbarium of seventy-five specimens, unmounted, in brown folders of heavy paper, averaging 26 × 45 cm. The specimens are monstrosities of plants, consisting mainly of plants with supernumerary parts ("double flowers" and similar abnormalities).