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Charlotte, N. C. March 31,

Dear Sir,

Last year I gathered a quantity of the seed of what Mr. Pringle has been calling *Vitis riparia*, for a seed firm, to ship to Spain. The seed has been sent back because the receivers claim it is not *riparia*. They claim to have had it examined by an expert. I take the liberty of send<sup>ing</sup> you a specimen which Mr. Pringle collected and would be under great obligations if you would tell me if it is as he believes, *V. riparia*. May not the seed of *riparia* and other species, vary in appearance <sup>growing</sup> in different localities? Do you believe that Spanish "experts"



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can tell the true seed of riparia  
without-growing it- or seeing  
any-thing but- the seeds?

If not-presuming too much  
upon your time, I would be  
pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly  
P. H. Gosport.

I would be glad if you would return  
this specimen as I have only one or two  
more.



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