

Stamtono Nurseries

Stamtono V<sup>o</sup> Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dear Sir

In reply to your note of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst (which has just been received) allow me to express my regret that you were disappointed by not finding the Cranberry plants amongst the Moss that was used in packing your trees — When Mr Keat saw you he expected we would procure our Moss at the accustomed place and as a matter of course the Cranberry plants would be gathered with it as they grow amongst the Moss. We however sought a more convenient place for gathering Moss where no Cranberry plants grew. The reason you did not

them as Mr. Kent anticipated

I was not aware that you were very anxious to get them & I should have dispatched one of my men to get them

I will now endeavor to make amends & if the weather remains favourable a few days I will procure them for you this fall if not you may rely upon getting them in the Spring I cannot promise you enough to plant the whole plot but will do the best I can for you

I cannot speak from experience in regard to the culture of the Cranberry but will give you such information as I have received from intelligent and successful growers

Land moisture and air are of the most essential items Cranberry Culture

Stagnant water is however unfavourable  
a covering of 2 to 4 inches of sand  
will be found of great advantage  
unless sand already predominates  
to a great extent. Stimulating  
manures *viacea fertilis* of all  
kinds should be avoided as  
the produce vines & not fruit  
a situation that can be overflowed  
will be found important as  
by that the plants can be protected  
until the spring frosts are over  
When this is to be done it is  
best to have the land graded to  
a common level if not naturally  
so, a smooth surface acceler-  
erates the gathering of the fruit  
before planting the ground should  
be freed from all vegetable  
growth plowing & harrowing  
as in preparation for a crop of corn  
the distance bet. which the  
should be set four feet

depends partly upon the sort of  
plants used & partly upon the time  
you are willing to wait for a  
full crop. The closer they are  
planted the sooner they will cover  
the ground, the distance varies  
with plants from 18 inches to 3 feet  
when large tufts are used 3 feet will  
do very well but in setting single  
plants 2 feet will be about the  
proper distance. when large tufts are  
used a shovel is used to make a  
hole large enough to admit them  
single plants after having their  
roots dipped in a bed of manure may  
may be planted by making a hole with  
a sharp stick or dibble 3 or 4 inches  
in depth - then lay the plant down  
and cover all of it except the ends  
of the runners & they will take root  
at each joint & cover the ground  
much sooner than when the roots only  
planted - for 2 years the surface  
should be kept free from weeds after  
which the cranberries will take  
care of themselves - I will write  
you again before sending them

} Very Respectfully Yours

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Oct 20 1850

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