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L'Extrait des Registres  
De L'Académie Royale des Sciences

Du 4 Decembre 1756.

Messieurs. De Reaumur et De Jussieu Le  
Cadeu qui avoient été nommés pour examiner un  
ouvrage de M<sup>r</sup>. Adanson. Composé pendant de L'Acad<sup>e</sup>  
Intitulé histoire naturelle des Coquillages du Sénégal  
précédée d'une courte relation d'un Voyage fait en ce pays  
pendant les années 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, &c. en  
ayant fait leur rapport L'Acad<sup>e</sup> a jugé que Les Vers  
ingrédients de L'auteur son exactitude dans les descriptions  
de sa matière dans les observations donnerent lieu de croire  
que ses travaux seroient très favorables au public  
et étoient dignes de l'approbation de l'Académie en  
foy de quoy j'ay signé le présent certificat à Paris  
ce 4 Decembre 1756. /

Grandjean Desfontaines

Pr<sup>es</sup>ident de l'Académie des Sciences

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