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25 June, 1991

Archivo-Biblioteca de la Función Legislativa
Palacio Legislativo
Quito
ECUADOR

Dear Dr. Piedra Solís,

I would be grateful for your assistance in the following matter.
The grass Agrostis floresii is named in honor of D.A. Flores a former President of Ecuador.

In order to complete the entry for floresii in my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" I require his full names and years of birth and death. Such information is not readily available to me in Brisbane nor has the Ecuadorean Consul in Sydney been able to supply the answers.

For your information, a page of the Dictionary is enclosed.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany

Solís
Dear Dr. Solís,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my request for biographical details of Antonio Flores Tijón. He was clearly a distinguished scholar as well as statesman.

Due to the constraints of correspondents such as yourself the quality of the Dictionary is better than it could have been with my own unaided efforts.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
H.T.C.



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Quito, 14 de agosto de 1991
Oficio No.ABFL-91

Señor Profesor
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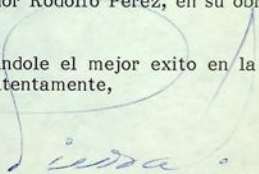
Querido Profesor H.T. Clifford:

Me es grato dar respuesta a la consulta hecha en su carta de 25 de junio de 1991, sobre el Presidente ecuatoriano D. A. Flores:

El nombre completo del Señor Presidente A. Flores es: ANTONIO FLORES JIJON, nació en Quito, Ecuador, el 23 de octubre de 1.833, y murió en Ginebra, Suiza, el 30 de agosto de 1.915.

Para una mayor información sobre el Presidente Antonio Flores Jijón, le remito adjunta una fotocopia del resumen biográfico que de dicho personaje, hace el señor Rodolfo Pérez, en su obra "Diccionario Biográfico del Ecuador" Tomo III.

Deseándole el mejor éxito en la confección del Diccionario, nos suscribimos, muy atentamente,


LCDO. RAFAEL PIEDRA SOLIS
Director del Archivo-Biblioteca
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24 September, 1991

Lcdo. Rafael Piedra Solis
Director del Archivo-Biblioteca de la Función Legislativa
Palacio Legislativo
Quito
ECUADOR

Dear Dr. Solis,

Recently you were kind enough to answer a few questions concerning Señor Presidente A. Flores.

In my researches concerning the origins of grass names, I have come across another named in honor of José María Plácido Caamaño. I would be grateful if you could inform me of his year of birth and that of death. What was his occupation prior to entering politics? I assume he was an Ecuadoran by birth.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany

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