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Thimphu, THIMPHU

Bhutan

June 10th 1988.

Dear Professor Clifford,

Thank you for your letter of April
19th which was forwarded to me in Bhutan.

The entry might read as follows:

ferrilateris L. ferreus, iron; laterus side.

In honour of John Richard Ironside
Wood (1944 ~~1944~~), English plant
collector and botanist. Aristida ferrilateris

I hope this is what you want. I have
collected plants in some quantity in various
countries especially Yemen, Somalia, Colombia,
Bhutan and Saudi Arabia.

Yours sincerely

John R.I. Wood, Esq.

Dear John) Thank you for expanding my entry for ferrilateris.
You may care to know the genus Butania derives its name
from Bhutan. ^{During} ~~The time~~ a recent visit to Beijing I
resolved the origins of many names proposed by Chinese botanists
who have special problems resulting from converting pictograms
to Pinyin & thence to Latinization. Yours sincerely
J.R.I.

12 July, 1988

John R.I. Wood, Esq.,
C/- Dept. of Education,
Thimphu,
BHUTAN

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Yours sincerely,



H.T. CLIFFORD,
Professor of Botany