

April 11, 1939.

Dr. C. T. Rumbold,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Rumbold:

Replying to your letter of April 7, it would be preferable to have the chestnut scions cut from the trees before the buds start to swell. They should be mailed in to me, using the enclosed franks. The size of the scions is immaterial. We simply wish sufficient wood of last year's growth so that we can get 15 or 20 scions about 6" long out of the material.

So far as I know, there is no quarantine to interfere with the shipment, as Mr. Tiemann will note by the enclosed franks, which are sent with a copy of this letter directly to him. The franked package will be addressed to me in care of the Inspection House, where the package will be opened and the contents examined before being sent up to this office.

Some people put paraffin on the ends of the cut scions and others do not. The scions should be so packed as to insure reaching this office without drying out. They should be packed in slightly moistened moss or newspaper, then surrounded with a layer of waxed paper to keep them from drying out, and then the outside wrapped in paper. Some people send them in in mailing tubes. Not more than four pounds can be sent under one frank.

Very truly yours,

G. F. GRAVATT,
Senior Pathologist.

C.C. to Mr. Harry D. Tiemann,
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