

15th September, 1953.

Dear Dr. Dowdeswell,

Thank you for your letter which I have just read. I heard something about the work in the Scillies from Ford during our stay in Pavia.

I am not, however, quite clear what you have in view with *Lythrum*. Is it perhaps to establish a distylic colony of a tristylic species, as could be done by setting out shorts and mid quadruplex for the mid gene which would be incapable of producing the long styled form unless and until it crept in by cross-pollination from other colonies in the Itchin valley? If so I can easily have a few slips made of such plants.

Sincerely yours,