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*Correa* commemorates a Portuguese botanist, geologist and priest, Abbé José Francisco Correia da Serra (1750-1823) who was influential in Portuguese and foreign scientific circles. In 1779 he was a founder of Academia das Ciências de Lisboa (the Royal Academy of Sciences in Lisbon). He fled from Portugal (or, when abroad, one of her embassies) on at least three occasions to avoid religious or political persecution, the first time to France in 1786, the second to England in 1797 (where he became a member of The Royal Society and briefly was Adviser to the Portuguese embassy there) and from England back to France. Then in 1813 he moved to the United States where until 1821 he fulfilled the appointment of Minister Plenipotentiary before returning home to Portugal. His contacts were numerous and international, and his diplomatic skills are said to have improved communication between scientific communities in France, Britain and the United States especially. While in America, for instance, he developed a strong friendship with ex-President Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826.) and the room kept ready for him in Monticello (Jefferson's home) is still known today as 'Abbé Correa's room'. Much of Correia da Serra's botanical research was directed towards taxonomy and he wrote numerous articles on that and other subjects (not only botanical) for many professional scientific journals including, it is understood, the Philosophical Transactions of The Royal Society, The American Review, The Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, The Linnean Society of London and Archives Litteraires de l'Europe (as well as being a corresponding member of a surprising number of other French bodies).