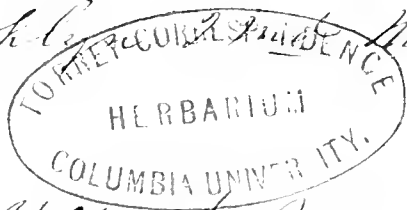


Brooklyn, ~~Nov. 1856~~ Nov. 1856.



My dear Sir,

I only received your note in reference to the *Ammobroma* plant yesterday or would have immediately responded to it.

Last winter during the pending of my resolution before the Committee on printing in the Hon. Representatives at Washington offered by Mr. Herbert of California that gentleman had the sketch of the plant together with other matter referring to my Expedition through the newly acquired Territory for the purpose of explanation before the Members of the Committee. - While I was away in Texas, the unfortunate occurrence at Billard's Hotel took place in which Mr. H. - was conspicuous, and before my return he had left Washington, immediately after his trial. - Since then

I have not been able to trace the whereabouts of the plates which I am very anxious to recover. - I have never had it engraved nor has any description of it been published further than what you will see in the Report I send you with this on the Rail Road question instances pages 57. 58. unless you have done so. - It was always my intention to have it handsomely engraved together with the other plants - such as you and Mr. Kimball might select, but owing to the failure of the original Company for which I went out, and the unfortunate liabilities to which I was subjected, caused the delay in doing so. - The New Company to which I made my report, are just now in a prosperous condition, and in a few days I shall have my matters with it settled, which will place me I hope in a condition to meet any expenses of publishing those plants in a

best pamphlet form, such as you
originally suggested if I am not
mistaken, for circulation. - I will
call and see you in a day or two
and if you have any plan you think
would be ^{more} preferable I will be very
glad to accede to it. -

Congress will be in session in
a week and if I cannot get back
the sketch I got from you - another
will have to be drawn from the original
both of which the Expense I will
gladly defray. -

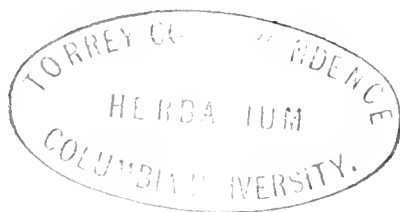
With high regards

I remain my truly yours
A. B. Gray

D. John Torrey -
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New York City -

My address is care of Woodbridge Hudson -
82 Broadway N. Y. City.



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