



Laudan June 3. 1821

Dear Sir

My excellent Friend  
Prof. Bigelow of Boston has sent  
me word that you propose  
opening a correspondence with  
Prof. Haaker of Glasgow the  
celebrated author of the *Juncus*  
*mannia* - *Musci Rustici*  
*liber* - I had expected from  
what Prof. Bigelow said to  
have rec'd a parcel for Prof.  
H. some time since  
ago - I write to say that what  
ever you have to send may  
be forwarded direct to  
Glasgow to Prof. H. whenever  
a ship leaves your port for  
Scotland - Prof. H's address  
is Bath St. Glasgow -  
You will find him a most  
punctual correspondent &

& a kind & generous friend -  
You will not require any  
introduction for I have al-  
-ready spoken of you thro' the  
letters of my friend Sigelow  
& Prof. H. is most anxious  
to receive boxes & any rare  
plants from you - He  
will return you such as  
his splendid collection will  
enable him to spare - I  
have enjoyed his correspondence  
& friendship several years &  
have rec'd larger contributions  
from him than any naturalist  
in Europe - He is the owner  
of my American Herbarium  
which I sent him as the  
only acknowledgment I could  
make for his great kindness -  
With wishes your many  
years of health & pleasure

The Study of Botany

Remain in

Your obt. Serv't

Francis Post

The Torrey -  
New York





Francis B. Pratt.

June 3rd. 1821.

Recd July 15th.

Mr Jarey  
New York



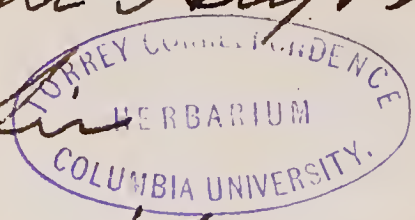
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And. Aug. 30th 1834

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London Aug 13.

My dear Sir



I send you some pamphlets entrusted to my care - Hope you found your family & friends well on your arrival at home

My letter of Paris alludes to some plants I may receive from your friends here. I will forward them when entrusted here. At present I hear nothing of them.

Mr. Branner has gone to Crepelin - & Mr. Thun is in the south of France.

I shall feel much obliged to you for any notes

Perhaps You may have  
to spare at any time -  
You sent *Thacker*  
*Aster* enclosures from  
New Jersey. Perhaps  
the plant of Michigan -  
but at present I consider  
it *A. gracilis* of Nuttall -  
Have you a *Cupressus*?  
I am curious to see the  
true *A. Laurentianus* - &  
*A. carolinianus* - I should  
be glad to aid you in  
settling the species of  
these diff. genera - & you  
would oblige me by  
interesting any of your  
correspondents for me  
any way - or that

of Kentucky - Dr. Archibald  
John Townsend of West Chester  
an equally correspondent -  
Byrum Almondia also -  
pedigo would be precious  
also -

Mr. Post writes with me  
in this regard -

Yrs very sincerely

J. Post



Dr Farley  
New York

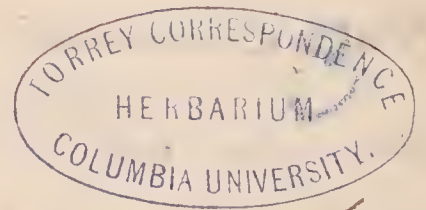


24 Lower St. London. July 28. 1874.

Recd. Nov. 17th

(The parcel came 2 weeks ago - It was left at the Custom House in NY.)

Am. Sect 30th  
My dear Sir

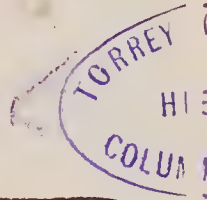


By the ship, the Sovereign  
this letter you will receive  
a parcel sent to me from Paris  
by Messrs. decaisne - containing  
some plants & drawings -  
& also a parcel of plants &  
books left at my house by  
some unknown person.  
You must enquire for them  
on ship board.

I have not heard from you  
since you left London - &  
I hope you have been pre-  
paring your 2<sup>d</sup> vol. for  
the press. I cannot think  
you will allow any duty  
to turn you from the completion  
of your name. - Botany has

paramount claims upon you,  
& as I know that you consider  
yourself a responsible being  
I am satisfied that you will  
acquit yourself of your debt  
to your own reputation - to  
the cause of Science & to your  
Country. I will not for a  
moment suppose that  
you can be a loser by com-  
pleting your work.

Since I saw you I have  
lost many friends & among  
them a dear child - a son  
about 5 years old. Mrs. Bodt  
has also lost her mother.  
She has sent us a beautiful  
new Aster - which has been  
called after him. I have in  
a beautiful collection of

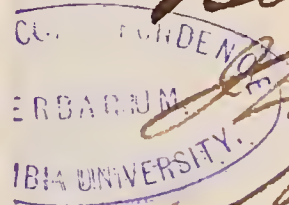




Six<sup>th</sup> plants from him - I have  
sent him in return a large  
collection of continental Europe.  
which I hope he will receive  
by October - Remember me  
to him when you write.

Gene has been here described  
me by *Aster paniculatus* of New Jersey  
& *Hippuris physocarpa*. etc -  
I hear nothing of *Asplenium* -

Penhance has gone to



Italy. We are having

a portrait sent from

your master Brown executed.

I hope *Millettia* *herbacea* is taken  
care of. I think you will want  
just its value should inquire  
about it. Is there any memoir  
of it written? He should not  
be allowed to pass to oblivion. our  
country is to strip it to the  
line this was in fact we should

preserve documents of the use and  
the true fact. Elliott was an am-  
-able & admirable person & must  
be put on record for future gene-  
-rations. Let us as lovers of plants  
preserve records of our fellow laborer

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Dr. Torrey  
New York

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ers. You must have some auto-  
-biography prepared. You - for you are  
one of the faithful ones. - God bless you  
Yrs faithfully F. Booth

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE  
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.



Recd. June!  
Amd. Sept 22.

London, July 8. 1835

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE  
ERRATA  
ET ALIA

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My dear Sir

I have your kind letter of the 30th & the plants which followed it - for both of which I beg to send you my best thanks - The Southern spec<sup>s</sup> were precious - when Brown, post-  
-script is engraved I will send it to you. Our funds at present are low, but the committee who got the Princeps Botanicorum to sit will make soon some arrangement about it. - I found no specimens that were new to me in your parcel. *D. paniculorum* I have in fine state from Short - & from its wide limits, I think many have overlooked it. I have it for Canada. Pursue it Kentucky & New Orleans. I do long to see the species described by Elliott & if you have them pray let me see them. I will return any I may not keep - why should not this confidence extend over the Atlantic? It is shown here, do get your Southern friends to attend to this genus. You sent Hooker a spec<sup>n</sup> - very strictum in habit which I have not. *Aster paludosus* was most acceptable - *A. Skottii* is very distinct from *Sagittifolius* - & is one of the most interesting of our *Asters*. I should like to see your N. York specimen of it. Short has not sent me a spec<sup>y</sup> yet for I have only seen those he sent Hooker, who is to set us right about *Solidago*? Hooker has thrown no light upon it, & I cannot catch the spec<sup>y</sup> character. It is all chaos to me. I see Nuttall has added a new one to the old list. - do send me *Aster serotinus* if you have it to spare. You called Nuttall's *A. gracilis* by that name in Hooker's Herbarium, any *Aster* will be acceptable - tho' I have a good collection for Boston & from Townsend. In making your new work, let me beg you to form a Herbarium corresponding to it with references to your books - that our grandchildren may know the plants you describe. I send *Viola pubescens*. I have it in

my Herbar. & the habitat is "head of the New River in western  
Washington" - Its locality is curious as being isolated. I have  
Silene aeneoidea from two habitats near Boston. I can see  
interesting yourself about Elliott's Herbar. It should be  
religiously preserved - & will no one give us his life? would  
not some member of his family tell us what he must &  
collect his letters? It is very singular how few of his  
plants are in our collections. He does not appear to have  
corresponded with Smith & Banks much. To your seed  
Schumacher's plants I will do my best to dispose of them.  
I sent him the 'Wallish' same of our Viola to examine  
for me, but I heard nothing from him. I doubt your  
V. blanda being clandestine - for I think the last has yellow  
flowers. I gathered it largely in N. Hampshire 20 years ago  
with apetalous flowers - & Biplan told me a year or two  
after the roots we gathered produced yellow perfect flowers.  
I seldom hear from Douglas. He has much on his hands.  
Benthams is here - finishing his Labiate - He read a paper  
on Hosaelia at the last meeting of the Lin. Socy. I never  
rec<sup>d</sup> the paper you sent by Lewis. I shall get a part of  
our 'New' out in a week or two - in which he has a fine  
paper on Rafflesia. We expect one also on the embryos of  
Pinus from him. He is too slow & fastidious - Had he the  
industry & firmness he would leave a reputation behind  
him equal to Newtons. He is a miracle of botanical mis-  
doubt & learning - & might if he chose write a General Plant<sup>m</sup>  
as easily & rapidly as Scott writes a novel. We shall not have  
his like again. His vast erudition appears in training - & the  
noble integrity of his mind - his perfect candour to the  
claims of others - his love of truth - justice - the beautiful  
manner in which he pays his brief but delicate com-  
-pliments to names long past & generally forgotten stamp  
him as a great & comprehensive mind. He is fairly jealous  
of his own great fame, but is one so generously as to the  
claims of others to respect & gratitude -

PREP. CORRESP.  
ILL. HERB.  
COLUMBIA UNIV.



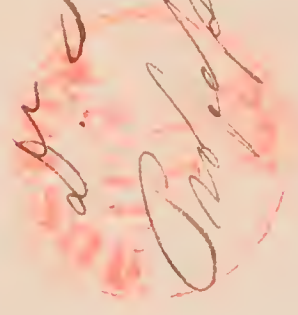
I know your Botanical views. I have looked at Vuttals  
papers in the Phil<sup>a</sup> journals - what figures! Shall we never have  
a work like the Flora Guadalupe? I tried to urge the Greenes  
to publish one on our plants, on the like scale - & as ornithology  
has been so patronized why sh<sup>d</sup> Botany not be? we want  
Zool. We want also local floras with original descriptions  
Washington, & Weeks add little to our knowledge. I regret you  
do not finish your Flora - for your first vol - & Elliott's  
Sketch are our best works - with much to improve. our plants  
have been described from cult<sup>d</sup> spec<sup>s</sup> - & we want those who  
live with our wild flowers to give us the portraits from  
the life. We shall never comprehend Synonymy otherwise.  
Lindley has his parcel. I am expecting a parcel  
from Short who is a capital collector.

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April 27. By some oversight this letter  
has lain in my Portfolio among some  
papers quite forgotten. I am very  
sorry for the circumstances, as I thought you  
had rec<sup>d</sup> my note<sup>t</sup> for your kind present of  
plants. - I had a letter from Hooker a short  
time ago, telling me that Drummond had  
settled in the Texas. Bentham has  
read a paper on the Ericaceae to the Lin. Soc.  
Brown on Rappahannock is delayed - saw No.  
of the Texas. in consequence - I have not  
heard from Short. Poor daughter! -  
Give my best wishes to the best wishes -  
J. B. G. B.

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Dr. Torrey.   
Professor of Chemistry

New York

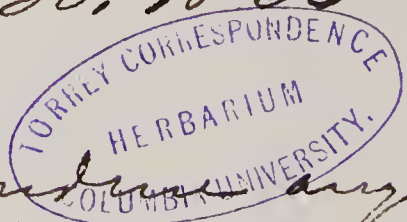




Am. Sept. 22

London, July 30, 1835

My dear Sir



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Can you send me any of the following Carices from your compendium & from Patens manual? I will in return send you Brewers portraits as it same as it appears in an engraved form.

Torrey's compendium.

C. sterilis - Fraseri - setacea - paniculata - teretiuscula - pedunculata - vasta - Hemeyana - loliacea - arida - foenea - cristata - pectinacea - tenera - remota - atrata - Buxbaumii - formosa - trond anglica - nigra - alpestris - setarica - syriaca - umbellata - miliacea - hystericina - cristata B. Barattii - trichocarpa - auriflora - pubescens - bulbata - 3 species

Datens manual.

C. noronhaiensis - exilis - bicolor - stellulata - curta - siccata - oxyptilis - apustilis - viridula - pubipriosa - vestita - (Waxes tentaculata with you include rostrata Mies?) Davisii - virgata - marginata - collecta - curvicauda - blanda - reticulata - digitalis - castanea - Washingtonia - halleyi - miliaris - Dalmanii - Katzei - viridis - lacustris (an C. riparia?) oligosperma - caucala - Also on to the end of Patens Carices.

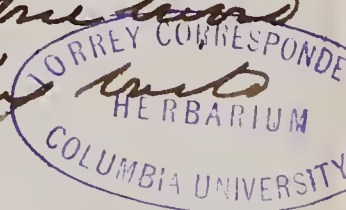
If you can send me these or any of them I shall be greatly obliged to you - do you

have them not have space & suitable  
time to spare, you would do me an  
essential favour - if you would send  
the list to my space fraternally in  
love with Corice - & I shall be glad  
to make any return in my power -

A friend promises me to drop this  
in the N. York post office -

No Botanical news here. we had a paper  
sent before the bir. last a while ago, make-  
ing it out that the "Apple on the dead sea's  
shore" were the large gale of our oak - & I  
think clearly that of Quercus infectiva  
fig'd by Olivier - The mustard of scripture  
has now shown to be our common  
well known Sinapis - of this I am satis-  
fied. The mice were here all married  
into the country - Wallich writes me word  
they have found the Tea plant growing  
in Upper Assam. God bless you -

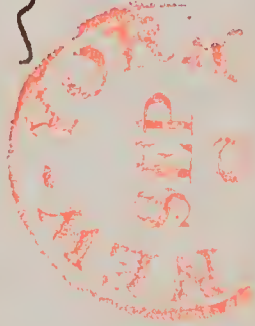
D. Torrey. } Faithfully Yrs F. Boott





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Professor Torrey  
New York.





Recd Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

and Jan. 23, by broken W<sup>m</sup>

London, Sept. 20, 1835-

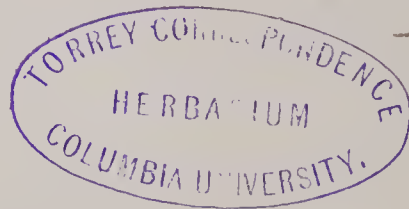
My dear Sir

I send with this a parcel left at my house for you; from whom it comes I know not. I trust you will receive it in good order. I have desired that the name of the ship it goes by maybe put on this letter that you may ask for the parcel thro' your agents.

We have no means of any kind - & London is deserted of rank & science at this season -

Yours sincerely  
J. Booth

per Tracy.





Obs. on Dr. Torrey's Carices. —

"*C. alpestris*. Kentucky" — certainly not the Junip plant. Willd. 159. which has larger, ribbed fruit, & "spica inferiora radicali longissime pedunculata." Your plant is more delicate, & what I have always considered as *C. varia*. —

"*C. bullata*." I cannot by any one character distinguish your specimen from our *C. vesicaria*. The barren catkins are 2 — the fertile 2 long cylindrical ( $\frac{1}{2}$  in. long) the rostrum perfectly smooth, the top of the lower fertile spike passes the base of the upper one — so that your "distant" as applied to them in your Compendium fits with regard to the spec. sent; so does "few flowered." — The only good character which put a heavy glance distinguishing *C. bullata* are the <sup>shorter</sup> distant spikes & hooped rostrum. The 2 upper spikes in *C. vesicaria* are approximate — the 3<sup>rd</sup> when present is remote. Schreb. does not sufficiently express in his fig. the length of the rostrum in *C. vesicaria*, & rather exaggerates its length in *C. bullata*, a solitary spec. of which I have from Greene. & it is a more delicate plant than your spec. — which I must consider *C. vesicaria*.

"*C. aquatilis*." I know of no fig. or authentic spec. of this species of Wahl. Your spec. differs from some sent from Scotland in having much longer bracts — pale col<sup>d</sup> scales — which are also narrower & more acute — & therefore nearer to Wahl's description. The aspect of all the fertile spikes in the Scotch plant is black — & the scales are broad & obtuse. Has your plant attained the size of the Scotch one? I suspect the Scotch spec<sup>ies</sup> are a form of *C. acuta* — & that yours may be Wahl's plant. —

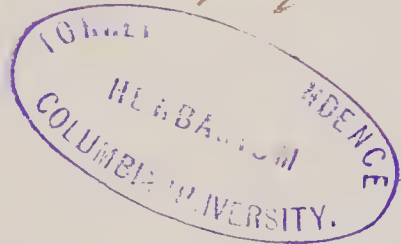
"*C. canescens*" — non *cinerea* certe, sed *C. curta*. Gaudeney's *Ann. Trév. 2. p. 145.* — You must therefore drop the name of *canescens*. I have seen *Ann.* spec<sup>ies</sup> of *C. canescens* in his *Herb.* & you could not for a moment compare it with *C. curta*. — See Gaudeney's *Ann.* — those under *C. curta* in *Reis' Encyclop.* — & Smith's *Remark* in *Ann. Fl. Lapp.* under *C. canescens*. Wahl's is wrong in uniting these distinct species & a plant so common as *C. curta* is here is too well known to be mistaken. Why follow Wahl's with Smith & Gaudeney against you & with *Ann.* spec<sup>ies</sup> of *C. canescens* before our eyes?

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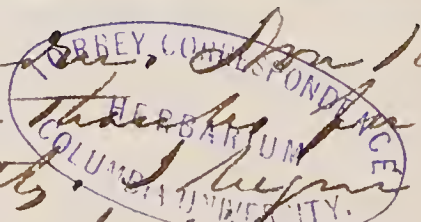
Had intended to notice some other  
of your cases but I must defer  
it — Good bye for now —





Ans. by [unclear] 23.

London, Apr 10, 1835



Many a warm thanks for your Curicles, the which interested me greatly. I beg to see my way among your N. A. species. I still want the full's & should you be able to spare me a pair of them I shall be grateful. I take names from Eaton because I have not your paper or drawings before me. -

- C. wormaldiana*, *setacea*, *torulosa*, *curicula*, *bicolor*
- lobiacea*, *lagopodioides*, *cristata*, *persecuta*, *terrestris*, *seccata*
- recepta*, *saxatilis*, *stricta*, *Prasari*, *ovata*, *atrata*, *formosa*
- fuliginosa*, *vestita*, *Davisii* (Duney) *calceata*, *ustulata*, *castanea*
- Washingtoni*, *Halseyi*, *tetarrica*, *caerulescens*, *miliaris*, *battonii*
- Kitchcockii*, *serena*, *Barrattii*, *ampullacea*, *oligosperma*, *remota* & on to the end of Eaton's list. -

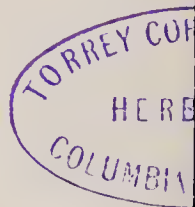
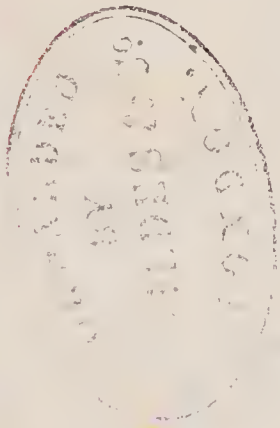
I can dispose of Baldwin's plants - that is, his authentic specimens. Brown will buy them at \$5 the hundred. This prospect is to be engraved. Myers who took the profile your son at Hookers is dead. Brown says he will write to you about the plants you left in his charge. I hear nothing of Knicker, Everille or Graham. we have assembled at the fair. Saw but nothing interesting has occurred. Some seeds said to have been taken for the site of a human stomach among the bones of 2 skeletons - found in a barrow near Winchester in Oct 1834 - produced plants of the Raspberry - & the bodies must have been buried upwards of 2000 years! Lambert produced a bit of the stem for Dublin from Mexico, said to grow 60 ft high! - I am lost still about many of your Bot. Lindley got up the spec of the Genus for *Helianthus* var. on Composite - Shall we ever see Elliott's *Desmodium*? I have never found one of his n. sp. in our collections here. Many of Rogers's must have come of them.

Had they offered me the Chair of Botany at Harvard & a decent remuneration I should have taken the post - but to send me the Statute of the University which requires that I should "lecture & give instruction on all the Sciences included in the American - vegetable & mineral

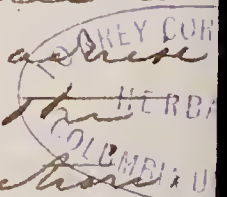


King James" was a absurd example. They should appoint Peffi-  
-vogue who would just suit their grandee. I should like  
to be among you for some things - tho' your winter flight  
- in me, & the despotism of your liberty is not to my taste.  
I prefer the freedom of thought & action in our Royal uni-  
-versity to the Turkish oppression of your unenlightened pub-  
-lic opinion. But pardon my heresy. I pity your per-  
-state as to Slavery & cannot imagine how you are to  
escape from the curse. You must buy the W Indies Islands  
& establish Black Republics on them. A hundred or there

Dr. Jorrey  
Prof. of Chemistry  
New York



millions of dollars would be cheaply laid out, could you then  
place the poor black out of the crushing influence of the  
white. Poor fellow his friends are more formidable to him  
than his masters. Send me Baldwins plants at once to  
care of Geo. Wilder & Co - send a letter to the house to advise  
them of the contents of the parcel. I will remit the  
money thro' them to you. State the price of the collection.  
God bless you my dear Sir. Yours with sincere respect  
J. B. Wood





Recd. Apr. 25. July 20. 1836. Dr. Gouven. St. Prof. de France London  
and. June 6th

My dear Sir

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE  
HERBARIUM  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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Your letter left your precious plants about an hour ago - & I thank you sincerely for all of them, especially the Carices, of which I never before saw *C. dasycarpa-novae-angliae-for-massa*. - I shall look for your *Cyperaceae* anxious-ly, as it will profit me much. I have undertaken to arrange the Carices for Hooker's *Fl. Bor Americana* - & I have already upwards of 130 species some of which are new - & others not considered natives of America - I mean to prepare a monograph of the Genus, as I have rich collections at hand - & I shall hope to make some corrections. - Your *C. Danuliana* from the Rocky Mts is *C. Pyrenaria* - & from the same locality I have *C. Menziesiana* which you or Hemy papered in Hooker's collection as *C. atrata*. - I have not studied Hemy's papers in Siberian - but I mean to do so. His figures are absolutely infamous - & your very beautiful monograph in the *Lyceum* indicates the claim of your country to science. I cannot imagine what Hemy thought when he put such execrable figures forth - for they cannot even in form lead you to a remote knowledge of his plants. - I shall be obliged if you can complete my list of Carices - & perhaps you will allow me to put down a few of which I have either solitary or imperfect specimens. I have been working at our English ones, & have found out our *C. pulla* is the veritable



*Saxatilis* of *diversus*! & his *canescens* in *Wablenberg*

*C. Buxbaumii*! - I want as follows -

*C. Sterilis*. in its various states -

*cybis*. Henry - I suspect a good species -

*Fraseri* - will no body refine it? Hooker has it in his garden.

*bromoides* - in its various states -

*retroflexa* -

*Setacea*. Henry.

*paniculata*.

*arida*. I have in young form I det.

*farrea*. you & Willd. differ widely about this!

*viridula*. Willd. I suspect a variety of *C. hirsuta*.

*vestita*. I have one spec. from Greece.

*Polycarpa* - I have got none, spare one same.

*ripa*. I take this to be Henry's *Washingtoniana* det so I  
got them det on Mr Washington 20 years ago.

*granularis*. I have a spec. from I det.

*Sylvestica*

*fluorescens*! Elliot

*Elliotii*!

*Barattii*! what is it?

*verrucosa*!

*aristata*! Has Gray a spare spec<sup>n</sup> or two?

*Cherokensis*!

*muricata*. I have never seen it from America -

*seicata*. Henry.

*stricta*. never seen it from America

*Daviesii*! Henry

*ripa marginata*!

*collected*. Henry

*blanda*. Henry - is it a var of *anceps*?

*digitalis*. Willd. - not *C. gracillima* - wh. I have.

*castanea* or *repanda* Sprengel

*Halseyi*. Henry

*Hitchcockii* "

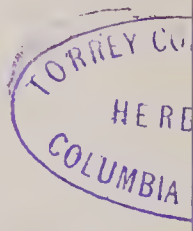
*uvula*!

*gigantea*! - & any novelties you may have -

The difference of Henry is scarcely distinct from *lobata*. Is the  
lower flower superior?

Up spec<sup>n</sup> *plagapodioides*, have the spikelets alternate  
while those from West Chester are in a close oblong head.

Get one with *C. cristata* - This tribe is puzzling.





*C. Scirpoides* is scarcely a species - *C. crenata* is not a va-  
-riety of *Am.*? *Ricknoides* *viridula* *C. Henryana* for *C.*  
*C. alpestris* has not been found in *Am.*? *C. laxiflora* has  
a form with many capsules - Among the *Scirpoides*  
your paper *C. maritima* for *C. crenata*. Your *C. usci-*  
*-caris* as described with the *hye.* I take to be *C. ampull-*  
*-acea* - as I have that plant from Darlington. I do  
not believe *C. laevigata* a good species - but I should  
like to see it well printed. I consider it *C. riparia*  
Don't has sent me as *C. stipitata* are very like our *C.*  
*vulgaris* - quite distinct from *stipitata* at all events.  
The *C. torosa* of *Plum.* is hardly distinguishable from  
the small *C. straminea*! What does *Lat.* mean  
by *C. saxatilis*? & *C. fuliginosa*? I suspect *C. Bakeriana*  
might be *obijasperna* of *Michx.*? Even sent it to me  
from *Mass.*? Surely *C. floridana* has no close affini-  
-ties to *C. vanderbergii* & *Sparangiaides*! I know it  
from *Jamaica* - *Sprengel* has some *Am.* species  
I know nothing about, what has become of *C.*  
*scirpoides* *Rudge*? You take no notice of it among you.  
How many species are common to the two conti-  
-nents! would that some one would explore *Lab-*  
*-rador*! & the *Nit.* island for the coast. I have a  
small species from Mount Washington gathered  
20 years ago - near *C. crenata* in fruit, but *fruits* flowered  
with a <sup>fruit</sup> seed like but more *erect* & *parker*. do you  
know it? Any specimens well known in a young state  
would be valuable - The species have not been studied  
in this early stage. - You call them *young* - they have  
been *sent* me - You give spec<sup>s</sup> of *Desmodium* re-  
-called a long stand, I made of that fern some years  
ago. I take one of *4* spec<sup>s</sup> to be *D. strictum* - another  
*paniculatum*, a very variable plant in length & form  
of leaves - the small leaved one is the *D. maritimum*  
of *Her.* - the *D. obtusum* of *Thunb.* - of course the *sp.* to *Her.*  
Don't *W.* is *erect* - You other spec<sup>s</sup>. I suspect is *Her.*  
*-is* plant - It is something like *D. viridiflorum*

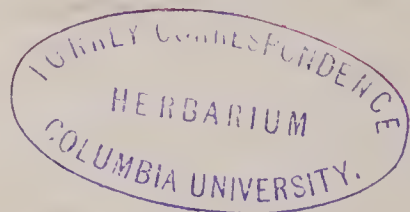
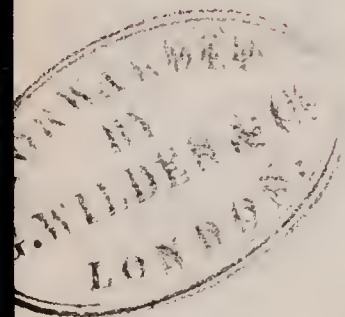
RESPOND  
BARIUM  
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but not it. It wants the soft pubescence on the under  
surface of the leaf - Y. spec. has no fruit div in bud.  
I long to see Elliott's species of this Genus. The *lespedeza*  
is what you formerly sent me as *d. stuevei* - but if so  
it is a variety of *bruttia* plant.

I do not have sight of your wishes a hand Brewers  
portrait. It is at the University - I hope to get one  
of pleasurable for you -

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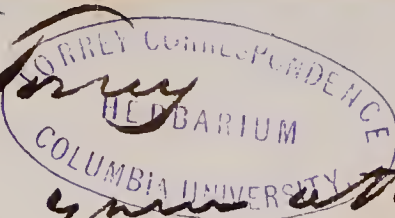


Dr. Silliman writes on Botany in the Perry Cyclopaedia  
this article Botany is offensive as to the notice of *phacelia*  
in enquiring to Jussieu - He wants Brewers admirable sense  
of justice - God bless you - what a fine man you are! -  
He is professor at this College - Yrs very gratefully  
J. Booth



used by  
Daubeny July 138

My dear Tracy



There is your other half!  
Dr Daubeny the Professor  
of Chemistry & Botany  
in the University of  
Oxford. The Ounce is  
in it if you cannot  
find enough to advise  
me Dr D. without my  
assistance.

Make the most of him  
for his sake & mine.

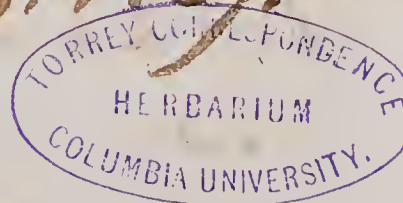
I am delighted he is  
going among you - if  
he does not come back  
laden with heat & heart  
aches I shall grow in  
spirit. - Pray introduce  
him to all your scientific

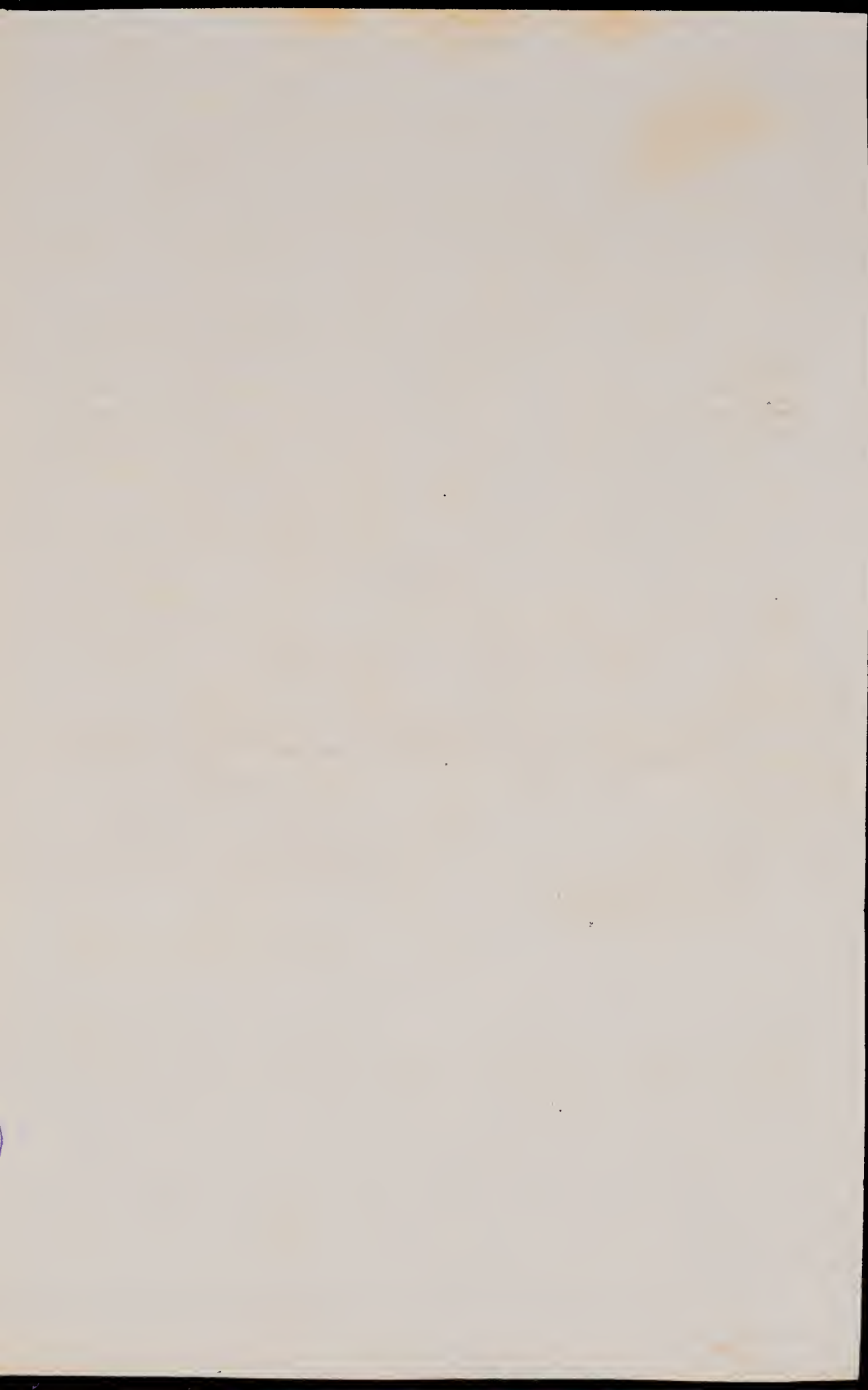
friends in remote parts.

Loche was rec<sup>d</sup> most  
hospitably & accord<sup>d</sup>  
& first warm wishes  
strongly to remain.  
Thank you for his paper  
they bring to get me  
some Carices in the  
Pacific. I long to  
see those you promise  
me —

Wm. B. Book

London. June 24. 1837.







Dr Torrey

Prof. of Chemistry at

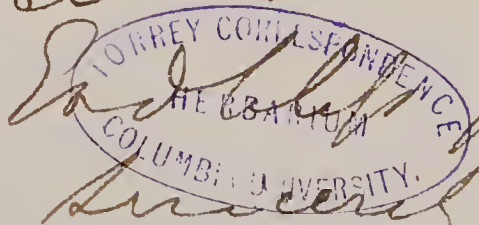
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London Aug. 24. 1838

My dear Sir

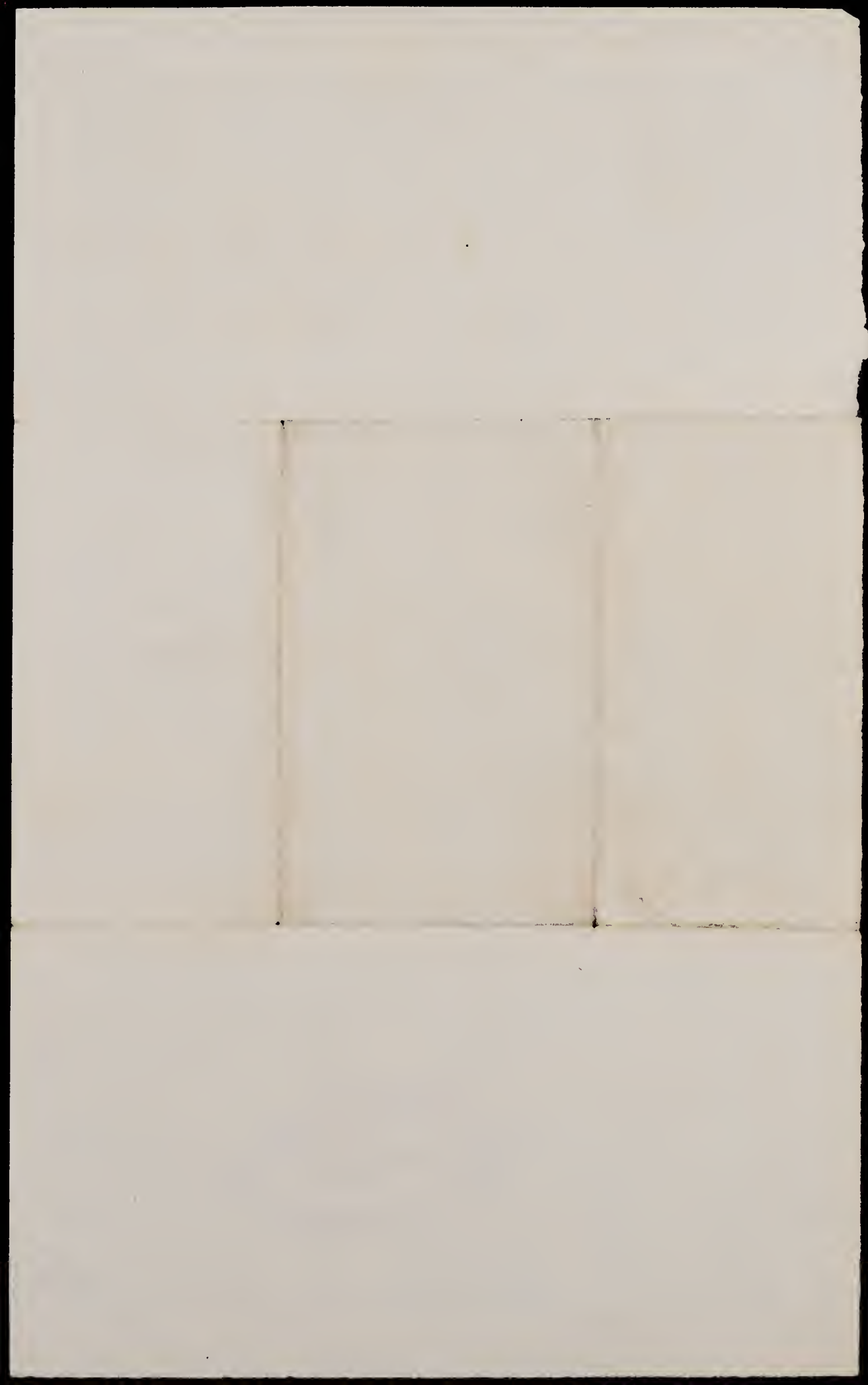
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My friend Dr. Jennett  
is anxious to know  
you & I have great  
pleasure in intro-  
ducing him to your  
friendship. He will  
be a useful correspon-  
dent in Scotch for  
you & I hope for  
some of his services.  
Dr. Jennett will be one  
of your accurate medi-  
cal men & I am sure  
a capital naturalist



Dr. Torrey.

J. Proctor





No 2  
And. Oct. 20  
London. Oct 30. 1839

LIBRARY  
NEW YORK  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN.

My dear Sir

I received your letter of Sept a few days ago by the 2<sup>d</sup> post, but no parcel of plants has appeared, nor have I any intimation of the address of your Brother. I shall regret if the plants are lost. I have carefully followed Gray in his Decade, or Carey, & wish his obs. were published more regularly. He has added a great interest to the subject by the accuracy & fulness of his Habitation. I have not heard whether my list for the Br. N. Am. flora is printed. You will see in it I have described some new species. I shall at all times be grateful for any new species of Carey & hope that Nuttall will send me his discoveries in it. Gray will send me some desiderata

Given by A. M. VAIL.  
from the J. J. Crooke Collection  
MAR 4 1917

I hope soon. I am deficient in  
S. Am. species more than others.  
My collection is probably the most  
rich & extensive in Europe  
for I have laboured long to make  
it so. & in time I hope to  
draw up some lists on the species.

How do you send me any more  
plants to sell - for I have  
not time to do justice to  
them & the collector. Ladwigs  
declines purchasing the roots  
you say will be shipped to  
my address - I shall offer them  
to Chalmers, but as L. offers  
me the plant is common here  
I fear I may fail in disposing  
of the collection. The box has  
not arrived.

Proven is well. we have daily  
taken the 2<sup>d</sup> no. of Harpfield's  
work. It will appear in two  
parts. Chamberluff is here but



I do not know he has brought any  
thing of consequence.

Gray has left a bright remem-  
brance behind him in us all.  
His simplicity & integrity formed  
with fine great insights to all  
he does, & I pray God he may  
live long to merit up a reputation  
from honorable to our country.  
He will send me his notes  
on the dist<sup>n</sup> collections of  
Carices. I am puzzled about  
*Gyp. l. commutata*, I take *C.*  
*stricta* Linn. to be what you  
have all described as *C. acuta*. I  
think Gey right about *C. caespitosa*.  
For the sake of Linnaeus in the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Edit. of *Tot. Succisa* (prior to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Edit. of *Sp. pl.*) evidently refer  
to the *C. stricta* Swed. But Gauden-  
-enough paper was read 1792 & published  
in 1794 - a Linnaeus *C. stricta* was  
published 1789. Gaudenough name  
therefore had been appropriated



To the American plant: & tho' the  
specimen of *C. cespitosa* in Herb. Lin.  
is under one name all be considered,  
as he compared *C. stricta* Gaed. with it  
we must call Gaudenomyia species (*C.*  
*stricta*) *C. cespitosa* L. & adopt Gay's

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New York

name of *Gaudenomyia* for the other, since you  
cannot throw aside Lamarck's *C. stricta*.  
You know that Greene has found *C. fulva*  
at Newbury, & also *C. benifata* near Boston.  
God bless you & Gray & Carey. Yrs truly T. Booth

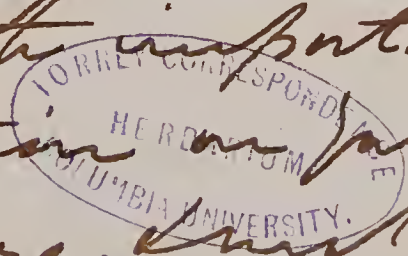
London. July 1. 1841

My dear Torrey

I write to you  
some weeks ago on  
the subject of Mr  
Leydes intended visit  
to the States, & I  
now beg to introduce  
him to Mrs L. to  
you & draw your  
kind offices -

You can furnish  
me with the important  
information on your  
State survey, which  
will be known to your  
penn Labrous -

Wm F. Booth



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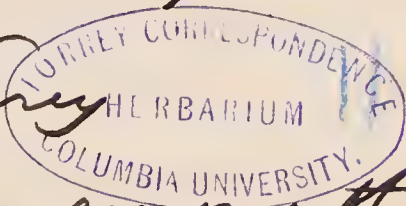
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Dr John Torrey

New York  
Mr & Mrs Bell -

London July 12. 1849

My dear Torrey



You are among the patriarchs in American Botany, & I cannot let Dr Alexander go among your pupils without his paying a passing homage to their master. Dr A. is late from the Cape, & is now bound to your shores. If he travels free, make him known to any of your correspondents who can aid his researches. He will from you will obtain him every favour.

You will be glad to hear that dear Gray is to be



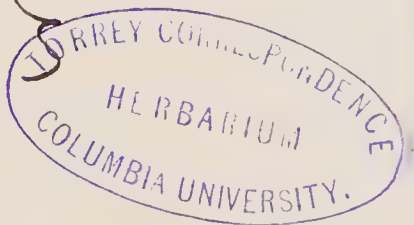
elects in May into the  
Linnæan Society, an honour  
you know really conferred  
by Brown, for he is the  
arbiter in all such mat-  
-ters. -

I have been looking this  
morning at a Californian  
Cory which that simple-  
ton Hartney picked up  
in preference to the gold  
at its roots. It is the last  
I shall ever see from that  
country of Judge Lynch,  
for who will there have  
it's simplicity for the  
next half century. Punch  
has well expressed the fate  
of the poor victims on  
the Sacramento - for you may  
see in one of his last nos  
a wretch leaning on a jar  
full of gold - with a

scull on his breast "I am  
starving" I fear wider  
men will starve too, if  
all we hear proves true.  
I expect to be reduced  
to hauling my carcass  
for a last meal —  
God bless you

Wm V. F. Booth

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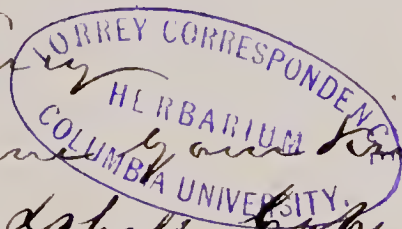


Rec<sup>d</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> June

24 Gower St.

London, June 5, 1851

My dear Torrey



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I have your kind note of May 21<sup>st</sup>, & shall be soon to see the Carey you speak of. Sir John Richardson is printing an account of his last journey, & will append to it a Geographical list of the N. Am. Coriaces - which I hope may arrest the attention of dear Carey, & lead him to correct my errors. I fear your many occupations will prevent your doing so. I long to see good wild specimens of the Bears from the Pacific coast, especially the northern parts, & I will always faithfully return to you any you may spare me to have so. I am curious also to trace the extent of our State faunas into N. Am.<sup>a</sup>

I have had no accessions  
for a long time, but hope  
to see Drs. Harkness C. Indian  
specimens in due time -  
Poor Hook! Range! following  
Smith & Link so soon -

Gray has not appeared yet  
from Paris, but is due. He  
works too hard, & I wish we  
could moderate his zeal. He  
is not strong. His wife is a  
genius. Give my love to dear  
Carey. I rejoice to hear he  
suffers from low spirits, but  
I hope his sons find fortune  
attendances will fit his  
remaining years. I hope you  
keep yourself on the windy  
side of care. I had thought  
it possible you might have  
time over to see our Paris.  
It is worth an effort.

Alexander is here & I will  
ask him about the parcels.

Brown has not been well

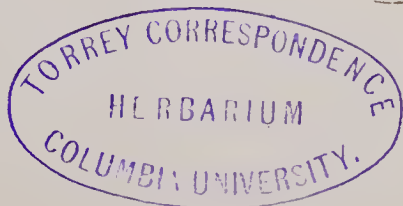
The total difference I  
complained of a pain in the  
head for some weeks. I wished  
him to go out of town, but  
he could not. It is possible  
he will go to Sweden to  
the meeting of Scandinavians there.

Dear daughter does not wholly  
regain his health - & had he,  
has not been well for a year  
or two. Joseph I believe  
is to marry soon. We wish  
he was appointed sub. to  
the Ken Garden.

Mr Lowell & his family  
were well at Rutherfordton  
last week. He goes to Greece  
& winters late in Italy. -

God bless you, my dear  
Friend, with  
Yrs. F. Booth

Dr. Torrey.

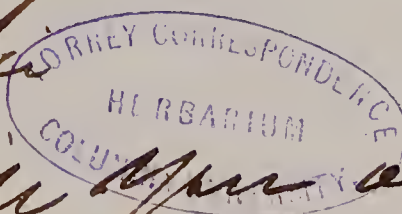




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New York

and Oct 6.

My dear Sir



Will you oblige

me by sending Burthens  
part 8 to Prof. Hemeny  
of Carey celebrity with  
my compliments. I sent the  
other parts some months  
ago. & asked for any  
Copies he could spare.  
but I have not heard  
from him -

The letter for Dr. Hooker  
is in the list. I am thanking  
him for a book. with  
your benedict. by some  
private opportunity.

Have you a spare  
plate 24 of your monograph

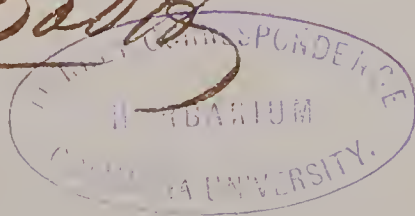
of the N. Am. Caricatures  
to complete our copy  
of the 1st vol in the  
Linn. Soc.?

I long to see your Cybe-  
-ræa - & pray ask Henry  
to send his unimproved  
Caricography as soon  
as it is out - You  
have any duplicates  
& any novelties in Carey  
pray remember  
me.

Farewell, you

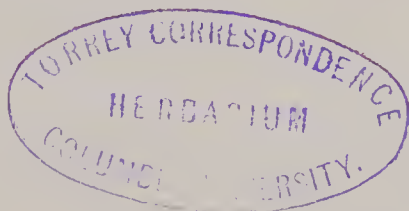
Yrs sincerely

J. B. B.





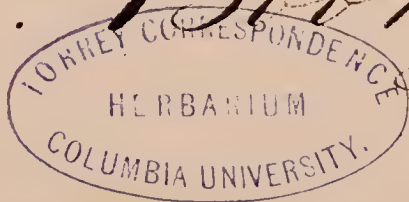
did you determine  
which way to proceed in  
Paris? I wish you would  
enlighten me if you did.



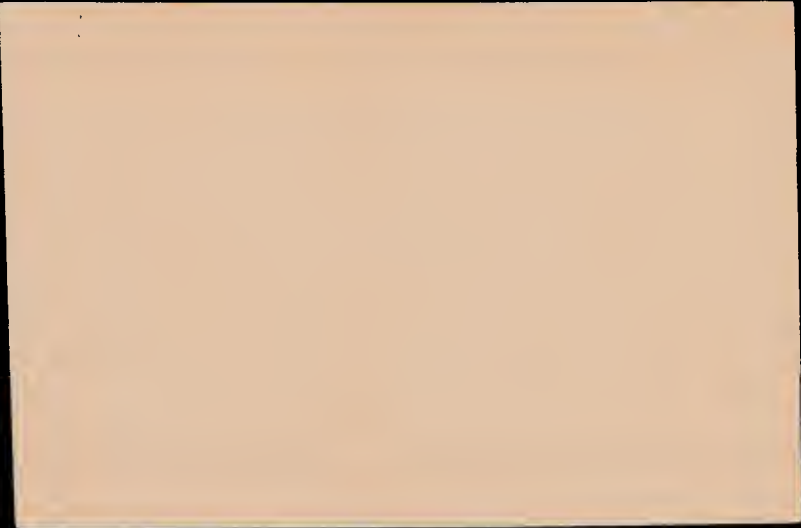
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