

London 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 *Juniper-*
mannia - Mexici Exotici
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 &

As 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 large 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 you many
years of health & pleasure

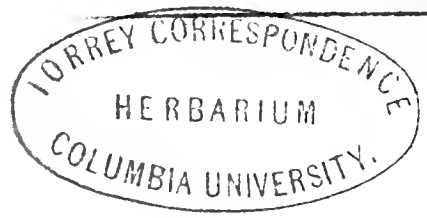
The Study of Botany

Remain in

Your obt. Serv't

Francis Post

In Jersey -
New York



Francis B. Pratt.

June 3rd. 1821.

Recd July 15th -

Mr Jarey
New York

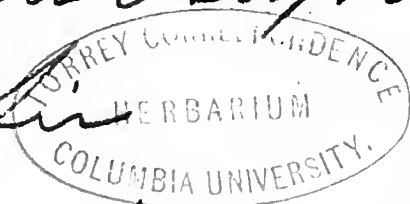
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And. Aug^r. 30th 1834

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London Aug 13.

My dear Sir



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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 to me. At present I hear nothing of them.

Mr. Besnier has gone to Crepin - which town is in the south of France.

I shall feel much obliged to you for any letters

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
TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dr Faray

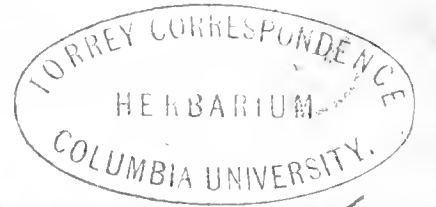
New York

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^d 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.

Bobt has sent us a beautiful
 new Aster - which has been
 called after him. I have in
 a beautiful collection of

TORREY
HIS
COLUMN

Sixth 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 panicis* of New Jersey
& *Hippuris physocarpa*. etc -
I hear nothing of *Asplenium* -

Penhance has gone to

CC. GARDEN
HERBARIUM
YALE UNIVERSITY.

Italy. We are having
a portrait sent from
your master Brown executed.
I hope Miss Herb is taken
care of. I think you will want
just its value should inquire
about it. Is there any memoir
of E. written? He should not
be allowed to pass to oblivion. our
country is to sweep it to
the dust of this our infamy 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 func-
-tions. Let us as lovers of plants
preserve records of our fellow laborer

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Torrey
New York

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ers. I am sure I have some auto-
-biography behind you. You are
one of the faithful ones. God bless you
Yrs faithfully F. Booth

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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Recd. June 1
and Sept 22.

London, July 8. 1835

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My dear Sir

I have your kind letter of the 20th & the plants which followed it - for both of which I beg to send you my best thanks - The Southern spec^s were precious - when Brown's port-rait 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. parviflorum* 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 specⁿ - 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^y yet for I have only seen those of Bent Hooker, who is to set us right about *Solidago*? Hooker has thrown no light upon it, & I cannot catch the spec^y 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 have the plants you describe. Insert *Viola pubescens*. I have it in

my doubts. The habitat is "head of the New River in western
Washington" - Its locality is curious as being isolated. I have
Silene americana from two habitats near Boston. I can see
interesting yourself about plants, Boston. It should be
religiously preserved - & will no one give us his life? would
not some member of his family tell us what he was &
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
Shumway's plants I will do my best to dispose of them.
I sent him the 'Wallish' some years ago to examine
them, but I heard nothing from him. I doubt your
S. blanda being clandestine - for I think the last has yellow
flowers. I gathered it largely in N. Hampshire 20 years ago
with a petalous flowers - & Biplan told me a year or two
after the roots we gathered produced yellow perianths.
I seldom hear from Hooker. He has much on his hands.
Benthams is here - finishing his Labiate - He read a paper
on Hesperia at the last meeting of the Am. Soc. I never
rec'd 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 Rabbleia. We expect one also on the embryos of
Pines from him. He is too slow & fastidious. Had he the
industry & perseverance he would leave a reputation behind
him equal to Newtons. He is a miracle of botanical mis-
doing & learning - & might if he chose write a General Plant^m
as easily & rapidly as Puffin must a vowel. We shall not have
his like again. His vast erudition appears in his time - & 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 & a comprehensive mind. He is fairly jealous
of his own great fame, but no one so generously asserts the
claims of others to respect & gratitude -

PREP. CORRESP.
MAY 18 1858
COLUMBIAN

I know your Botanical views. I have looked at Nuttall's
papers in the Phil^a journals - what figures! Shall we never have
a work like the Flora Guineensis? I tried to urge the Editors
to publish one on our plants, on the like scale - & as ornithology
has been so patronized why not 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 grasp. our plants
have been described from cult^d spec^s - & 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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UNIVERSITY.

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^d my note^t for your kind present of
plants. - I had a letter from Hooker a short
time ago, telling me that Drummond had set
off to the Texas. Bentham has
read a paper on the Ericaceae to the Lin. Soc.
Brown on Puffin is delayed - saw No.
of the Texas. in consequence - I have not
heard from Short. Poor daughter! -
Give my love to the best wishes -
J. Good

LIBRARY CORRESPONDENCE
H. H. BENTHAM
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Dr. Torrey. 
Professor of Chemistry

New York



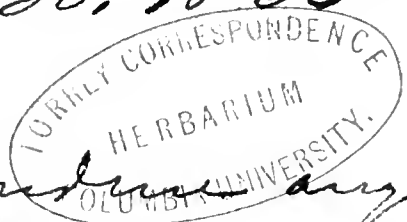
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Am. Sept. 22

London, July 30, 1835

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My dear Sir



Can you send me any of the following Carices from your compendium & from Latrus 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 - Stemeyana - loliacea - arida - foenea - cristata - pectinacea - serena - remota - atrata - Buxbaumii - formosa - Stoudanifolia - virga - alpestris - tetanicum - symmetricum - umbellata - miliacea - hystericina - cristata - B. Barattii - trichocarpa - aurifera - pubescens - bulbata - 3 species

Latrus manual.

C. monstrosissima - exilis - bicolor - stellulata - corta - siccata - oxyptilis - apustilis - viridula - fuliginosa - vestita - (Wass. tentaculata with you include rustata Mies?) - Davisii - virgata - marginata - collecta - curvicauda - blanda - reticulata - digitalis - castanea - Washingtonia - halleyi - miliaris - Dalmanii - Katzei - virga - lacustris (an C. riparia?) - obliquispicua - caucata - Also on to the end of Latrus carices.

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

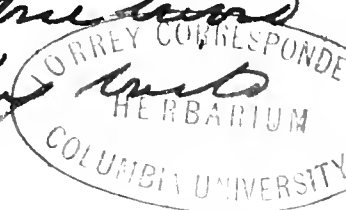
have them not. You have not much
time to spare, you would do me an
essential favour - if you would send
the list to my former partner in
law with Carice - & I shall be glad
to make any return in my power -

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, relat-
ing it out that the "Apples on the dead dead's
Shore" were the large pale of our oak - & I
think clearly that of *Quercus infectiva*
fig'd by Olivier - The most of scripture
has now shown to be our common
well known *Liriodendron* - of this I am satis-
fied. The mice were here all mixed
with 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 Decr 15th

and Jan 23, by broken W^m

London, Sept. 20, 1835-

My dear Sir

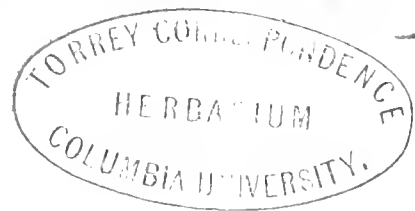
I send with this a parcel left at my house for you; from whom it comes I know not. I trust you will receive it in good order. I have desired that the name of the ship it goes by may be put on this letter that you may ask for the parcel thro' your agents.

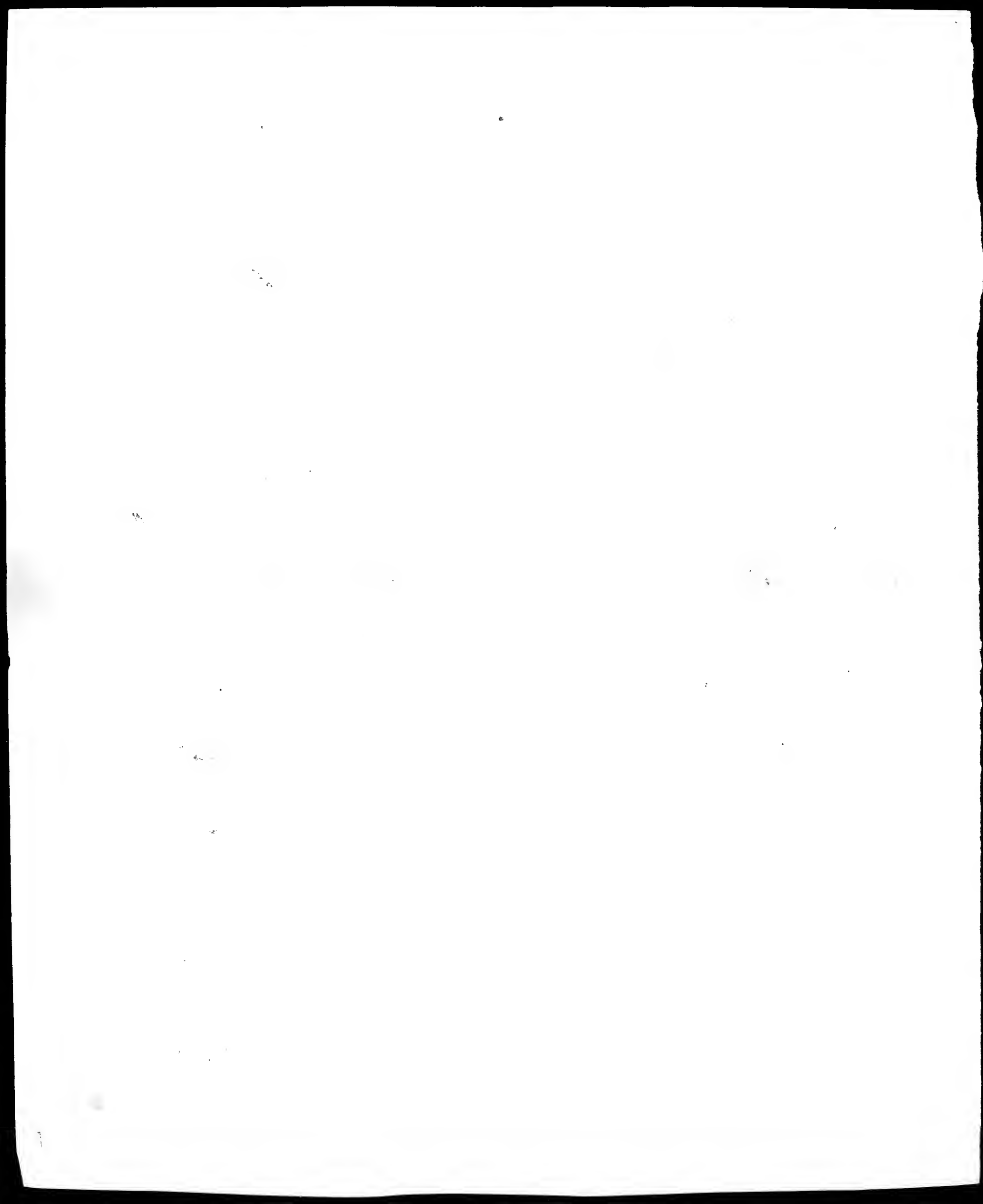
We have no means of any kind - a London is deserted of rank & science at this season -

Yours very sincerely

J. Booth

Mr Torrey.





Obs. on Dr. Torrey's Carices. —

"*C. alpestris*. Kentucky" — certainly not the same 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 very 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 hasty glance distinguishing with *C. bullata* are the ^{shorter} distant spikes & hooped rostrum. The 2 upper spikes in *C. vesicaria* are approximate — the 3rd 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*.

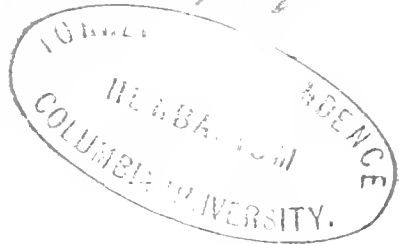
"*C. aquatilis*." I know of no fig. or authentic spec. of this species of Wahl. Your spec. differs from some sent from Scotland in having much longer bracts — pale col^d scales — which are also narrower & more acute — & therefore nearer to Wahl's description. The aspect of all the fertile spikes in the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

"*C. canescens*" — non *linnei certe*, sed *C. curta*. Gaudenough *linn.* Trans. 2. p. 145. — You must therefore drop the name of *canescens*. I have seen *linn.* spec^{ies} of *C. canescens* in his Herbarium & you could not find a number — confirmed with *C. curta*. — See Gaudenough's obs. — those under *C. curta* in Reis' Encyclop. — & Smith's remarks in linn. Th. Lappen 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 & Gaudenough against you & with *linn.* spec^{ies} of *C. canescens* before our eyes?

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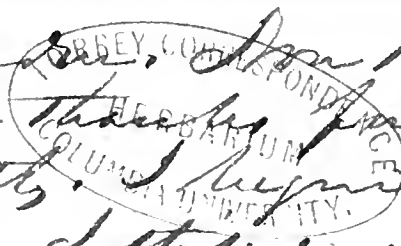
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Had intended to write some other
of your cases but I must defer
it - Good bye for now



My dear Sir
ans. by 10th
Jan 23.

London, Dec 10, 1835



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

- C. vomonioides*, *setacea*, *torulosa*, *sericea*, *bicolor*
- lobata*, *lagopodioides*, *cristata*, *persecuta*, *terrestris*
- recepta*, *saxatilis*, *stricta*, *Fraseri*, *ovata*, *atrata*, *formosa*
- fuliginosa*, *vestita*, *Davisii* (Duney) *calceata*, *vestibula*, *costana*
- Washingtoni*, *Halseyi*, *tetrandra*, *caudata*, *miliaris*, *Battisii*
- Kitchcockii*, *serena*, *Barrattii*, *ampullacea*, *oligosperma*, *re-*
- muta* & 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.
His portrait is to be engraved. Myers who took
the profile your son at Hooker's is dead. Brown
says he will write to you about the plants you left
in his charge. I hear nothing of Hooker. Everille
in Graham. we have assembled at the her. See but
nothing interesting has occurred. Some seeds said to
have been taken for the site of a human stone with
among the bones of 2 skeletons - found in a narrow
near Winchester in Oct 1834 - produced plants of the
Raspberry - & the bodies must have been buried
upward 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 Aster.
Lindley got up the spec of the Genus for *Helianthus* var
on Composite - Shall we ever see Elliott's *desmodia*?
I have never found one of his n. sp. in our collections
here. Many of Rogers's must have come of them.

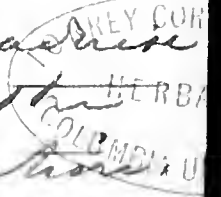
Had they offered me the Chair of Botany at Harvard & a
decent remuneration I should have taken the post -
but to send me the Statute of the University which requires
that I should "lecture & give instruction on all the
sciences included in the American - vegetable & mineral

"King James" was a absurd example. They should appoint Peffi-
-esque who would just suit their grand policy. I should like
to be among you for some things - tho' your ministers might
-in case, & 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 13 Black Republics on them. & have had on them

Dr. J. J. Torrey
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 by Mrs. P. Yrs with sincere respect
J. B. Wood



Recd. Apr. 25. July 20. 1836. Dr. Gouan St. Bedford Square London
and. June 6th

My dear Sir

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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Your Dr. Gouan 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-masa*. - I shall thank you very anxiously, 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. Danalviana* 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* vindicates 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 one 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 *divinus*! & his *canescens* in *Wahlenberg's*

C. Buxbaumii! - I want as follows -

C. Sterilis. in its various states -

cybis. Hervey - I suspect a good species -

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

bromoides - in its various states -

retroflexa -

Setacea. Hervey.

paniculata.

arida. I have it young from Port.

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 Hervey's *Washingtoniana* & so I
got them ditto on Mr Washington 20 years ago.

granularis. I have a spec. from Port.

Sylvestica

flouescens! Elliot

Elliotii!

Darwittii! what is it?

verrucosa!

aristata! Has Gray a spare specⁿ or two?

Cherokensis!

muricata. I have never seen it from America -

diccata. Hervey.

stricta. never seen it from America

Daviesii! Hervey

ripa marginata!

collecta. Hervey

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

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

castanea or *reperta* Sprengel

Halscyi. Hervey

Hitchcockii "

serena!

gigantea! - & any novelties you may have -

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

Up spec^s of *plagopodioides*, have the spikelets alternate
while those from West Chester are in a close oblong head.

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



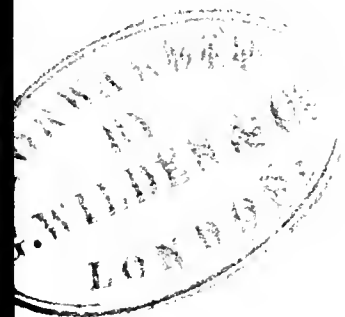
C. Scirpoides is scarcely a species - *C. crenata* is not a va-
-riety of *Am.*? *Rickwoodia* *viridula* *C. Henryana* for it
C. alpestris has not been found in *Am.*? *C. laxiflora* has
a form with many capsules - Among the *Scirpoides*
your paper *C. maritima* for *C. crenata*. Your *C. vesic-*
-aria as described in the *hyc.* I take to be *C. ampull-*
-acea - as I have that plant from Darlington. I do
not believe *C. laevis* is a good species - but I should
like to see it well printed. I consider it *C. riparia*
that has sent me as *C. stipata* are very like and *C.*
vulpina - quite distinct from *stipata* at all events.
The *C. tenera* 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.*
stipata *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. cuncta* in fruit, but since flowered
with a seed like but more restricted & darker. 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 your *pet.* - they have
been mentioned - You give spec^s of *Phlox medicum* re-
-called a long stand, I made of that fern some years
ago. I take one of your spec^s to be *D. strictum* - another
paniculatum, a very variable plant in length & form
of leaves - the small leaved one is the *D. maritimum*
of *Michx.* - the *D. obtusum* of *Michx.* - of course the *sp.* to which
Michx. is more - your other spec^s. I suspect is *Michx.*
-is plant - It is something like *D. viridiflorum*

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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 *L. 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 Pleasants for you -

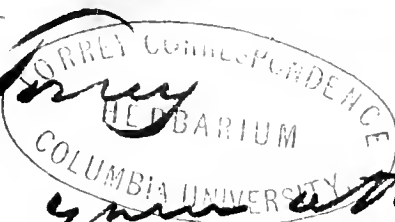
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New York



Dr. J. J. ... writes on Botany in the Perry Cyclopaedia
This article Botany is offensive as to the notice of *pleiurus*
as a variety to *Jussiaea* - He wants Brewers admirable sense
of justice - God bless you - what a fine man you are! -
He is professor at his College - Yrs very faithfully
J. Booth

used by Daubeny July 1838

My dear Tracy



There is your other leaf!
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.

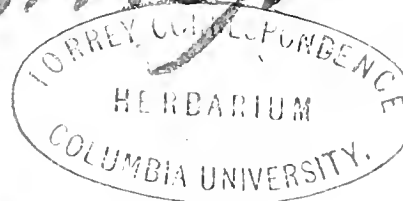
Make the most of him
for his sake & mine.
I am delighted he is
going among you - if
he does not come back
laden with heat & heart
aches I shall grow in
spirit. - Pray introduce
him to all your scientific

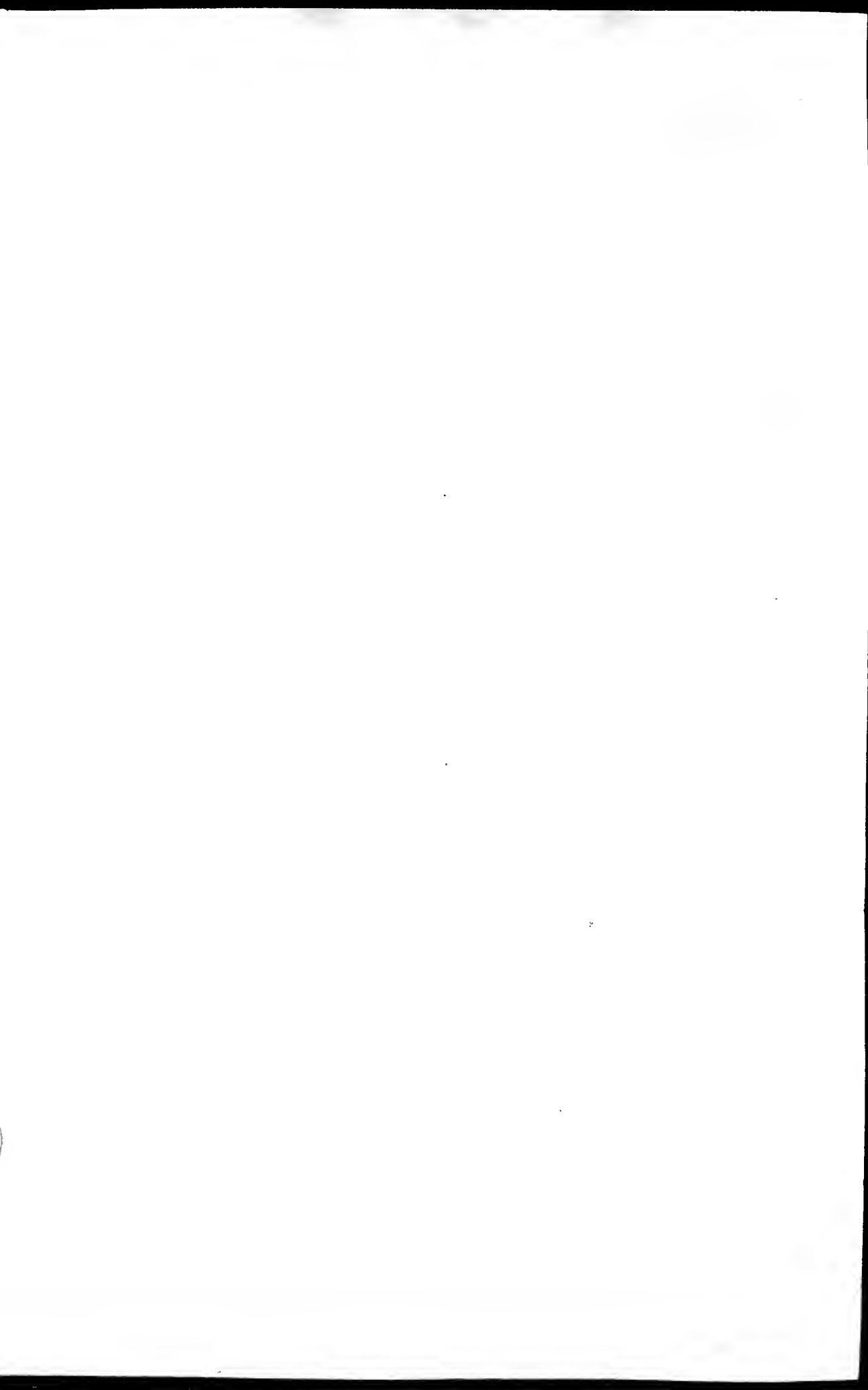
friends in remote parts.

Loche was rec^d most
hospitably & accord^d
& first warm wishes
strongly to monachy.
Thank Day for his paper
they wish to get me
some Carices in the
Pacific. I beg to
be thro' you promise
me —

Yours
Wm. Hooker

London. June 24. 1837.





Dr Torrey

Prof. of Chemistry at

O'Donoghue's } New York

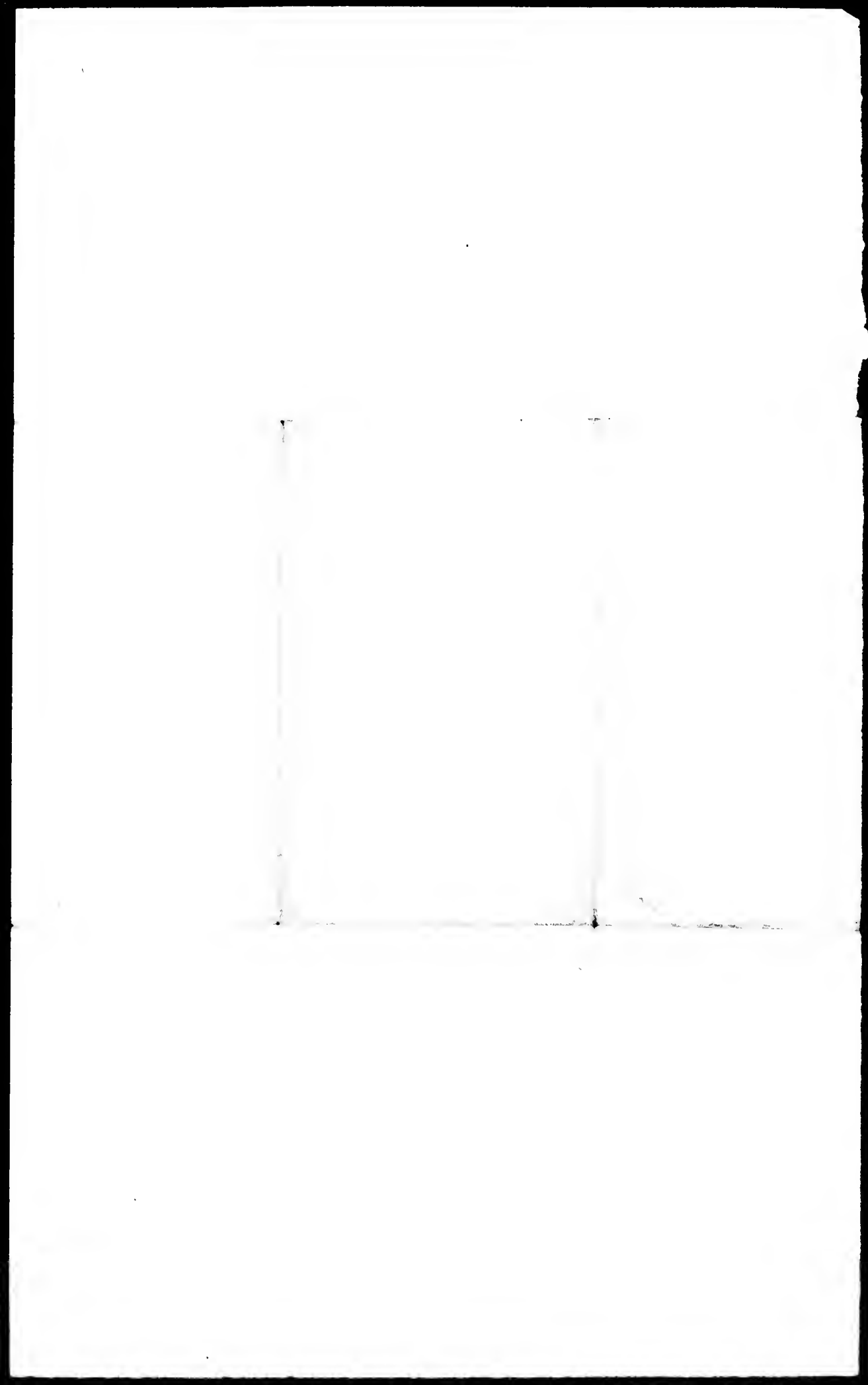
Laredo Aug. 24. 1838
My dear Sir

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

Yours
Dr. Jewett

Dr. Torrey.

J. Proctor



No 2

And. West End, London. Oct 30. 1839

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My dear Sir

I received your letter of Sept a few days ago by the 2^d 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, & Carey, & wish his obs. were published more regularly. He has added a great interest to the subject by the accuracy & fullness of his Habits. 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

From the D. G. Crooke Collection
Given by A. M. VAIL.

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.

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

Proven is well. we were daily
to be the 2^d no. of Harpers &
work, it will appear in two
parts. Chambers 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, joined
with fine great insights to all
he does, & I pray God he may
live long to merit up a reputation
honourable to our country.
He will send me his notes
on the diff. collections of
Carices. I am puzzled about
Gyp. c. communis & *G. c.*
stricta Linn. to be what you
have all described as *c. acuta*. I
think Gyp right about *c. acutissima*.
For the vol. of Linnæus in the 1st
ed. of Vol. Sarsia (prior to the 1st
ed. of Sp. pl.) evidently refers
to the *c. stricta* Gaud. But Gauden-
-ough's paper was read 1792 & published
in 1794 - & Linnæus' *c. stricta* was
published 1789. Gaudenough's name
therefore had been appropriated

To the American plant: & the other
specimens of *C. caespitosa* in Herb. Lin.
is which are names all be considered,
as he compared *C. stricta* Gaud. with it
we must call Gaudenough's species (*C.*
stricta) *C. caespitosa* L. & adopt Gay's

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

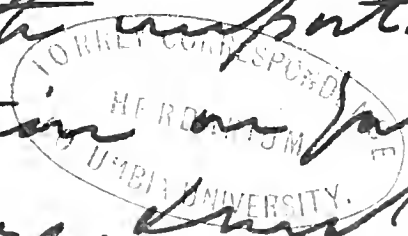
London. July 1. 1841

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 important
information on your
State survey, which
will be known to your
former labours -

Wm F. Booth





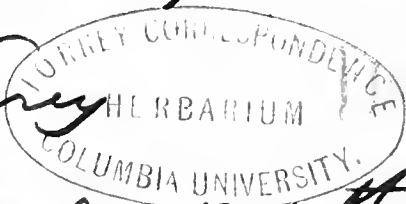
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Dr John Torrey

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 Miss Gray is to be

elected 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
Cave which that simpli-
-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
his 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 wisser
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

Dr. Torrey
New York





Rec^d 27th June

24 Gower St.

London, June 6, 1851

My dear Torrey



I have by ~~our~~ ^{his} note of May 21st, I 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 anxious also to trace the extent of our State faunas into N. Am.^a

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 patience
attendances wife fits his
remaining years. I hope you
keep yourself on the windy
side of care. I had thought
it possible you might have
time and to see our Paris.
It is worth an effort.

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

Brown has not been well

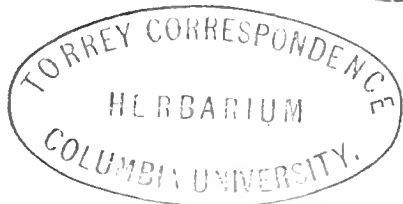
The total difference &
complained of a pain in the
head for some weeks. I wished
him to go out of town, but
he could not. It is possible
he will go to Sweden to
the meeting of Scandinavians there.

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 Linné & his family
were well at Rostockum
last week. He goes to Greece
& winters late in Italy. -

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

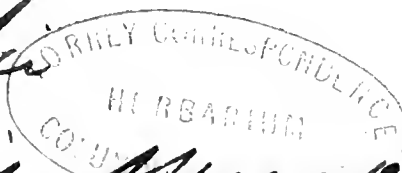
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and Oct 6.

My dear Sir



Will you oblige

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

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

Have you a spare
plate 24 of your monograph

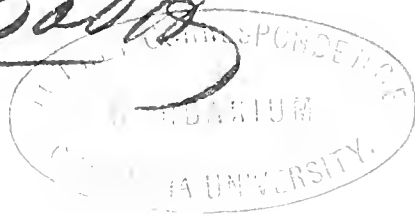
of the N. Am. Caricatures
to complete our copy
of the 1st vol in the
Linn. Soc.?

I long to see your Cybe-
-raea - & 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. Bush



did you determine
which way, Caries in
Paris? I wish you would
enlighten me if you did.



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