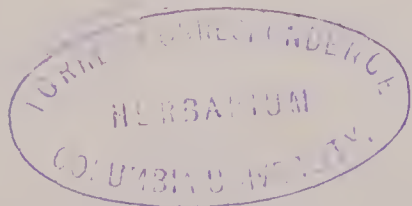


Tarragon & G. B. Berkeley

March 28th 1847

Wed. Apr. 22nd



Dear Sir

Your letter was received a few days ago, and it is with pleasure that I avail myself of the advantages it affords me of exchanging with a Botanist of your experience, I am moreover enjoying the short time left me, preparatory to a departure for New York or Philadelphia, in distributing the duplicates which have been collected - I will not designate any particular description of Plants, but will be glad to receive any that you have. You will excuse me for alluding to it, but as it exactly suits the purposes we have in view, and saves me some trouble, I will mention that the Faculty of the South Carolina Med. College, have lately done me the honor to select for publication, an inaugural Thesis, lately submitted to them for the degree of M.D. This contains a Catalogue of Plants collected in this Parish, and I will refer you to the May or July No. of the "Southern Journal of Med. & Pharmacy" I believe some of them are usually bound - pamphlet form, and as it suits your purpose better, one of them shall be sent to you - I propose spending some time - one

in one of your large Northern Cities, in order to complete my course
of Medical studies, by attendance on the Hospital &c. for in Charleston
the advantages of this kind are very limited; I prefer New York, ^{partially}
as it does, so far as regards population, all the advantages of a European
Capital. But I am yet uncertain which will be my destination, as it
partly depends upon the success which some of my friends, (who are
appointed to attend the Convention for Medical reform,) meet with, for
I am desirous of obtaining some responsible situation where I will be
enabled to improve myself in the practice of the Profession. In the event
of my ~~coming northward~~ visiting New York I will carry you plants with
me.

I am dear Sir, yours with
great respect

Francis Peque Forster

March 28th

You will please address me as heretofore, at Black Oak P.O., or at
Charleston - care of William Chazzeck

I will number ~~these~~ & append notes to those plants which I am doubtful about, or
which are not accurately described - Elliott's Botany; and I will be much
obliged to you for the results of your examination of these. I am of course
conscious of many errors, and trust you will inform me of them in every case
I shall also look at the pains to distinguish those that are rare - the localities.
If there are any of your correspondents who desire specimens from the lower
portion of South Carolina I will be happy to exchange with them.