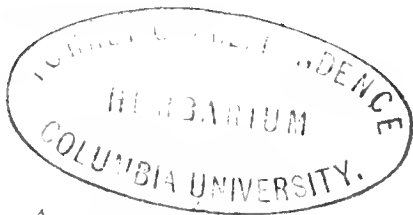


Albany, March 25. 1828.



Dear Sir,

I have long been desirous of being numbered among your correspondents, - but have not been able to prevail upon myself to request your assistance in my Botanical pursuits until now, though assured by several of our mutual friends that it would readily be granted. If I have acted improperly, you must blame the delight-ful spring weather we have had for some days past, which by reminding me of the near approach of the season of flowers, made me desirous of beginning the study of them ^{the} under as favorable auspices as possible; - a study to me which none can be more delightful at any time, and which to me will I hope be a source of pleasure, and facilitate the operation of time in reconciling me to my late irreparable loss.

I have for two years past paid great attention to Botany, and have been favored by the kindness & correspondence of several excellent Botanists within the State; and though I shall not henceforth be able to devote so great a portion of my time to this pursuit, as I have heretofore done, yet I hope to be able to furnish you with some information, - at any rate ^{as regards} ~~with~~ localities that may be interesting to you.

I have found most difficulty with the grapes, and berries

and should be much obliged to you if you could send me
a few (the most common will not be the least acceptable)
labelled, - so that I may have a starting point, whence
to push my investigations into this, ^{to most} rather uninteresting
branch of Botany.

May I ask, why the Genus *Pinguicula*, is omitted in
your Flora & Compendium, - and why *Cuscuta glabella*,
and *Saultheria hispida* are not mentioned in the
latter?

When ~~may~~ botanists expect to be gratified in the publica-
tion of the second vol. of your Flora?

If you would point out a way, I should be very glad
to send for your inspection some of our Albany Plants.

I remain

with sincere respect

Yours &c

George W. Clinton.

Dr. John Torrey.





F. W. Clinton,

March 26th, 1828.

Recd. March 23th

and a letter from
Sister Susan

Wm. D. Q.

To Prof. John Torrey.

New York.



to me

Albany, April 11. 1828.



Dear Sir;

I am much obliged to you for your excellent present of Exotic Carices; - and, from what I have seen of them, and my recollection of the few I have collected, did they not come from you, would promise myself much pleasure in reconciling ^{some of} them with American species which are now known by different names. I am sorry that I cannot make such a return as I could wish. Having been absent from Albany last Spring, I missed altogether *Schenckia palustris*, *Kalmia glauca* and *Erythronium albidum*: In June however I secured a few specimens of the *Kalmia glauca* in seed, the last of which, with some *Erythroniums* I obtained from a friend, ~~are~~ enclosed in the package I send you. It will however soon be time for these plants, and I will then send you a supply. I have never visited the locality of *Biden*, *Beckii*, and *Hippuris vulgaris*, but shall endeavor to when they are in season for collection.

As I cannot know what ones of our plants would be considered rare by you, I have but in few instances put up more than two of the same species. If in looking over them you should find any of which you would desire a number of specimens, they shall be forwarded immediately if in my possession - if not, as soon as I can obtain them. You will observe on a number of my labels - queries: By reducing these ^{doubts} to certainties, - by informing me of my mistakes in labelling, and by filling up the blanks I have left, you will confer a great favor upon me.

As I am now separated from my Herbarium for some time, I must defer sending you the few Canices and csters, and some grapes I have collected, as I must depend upon you for their names, - and can I suppose only obtain them only by affixing the same numbers to those in my collection and those I send you, and receiving their titles annexed to their respective numbers.

Among the plants, of which I have not now specimens to furnish you with, the more remarkable are *Heteranthera reniformis*, *Utricularia gibba*, *Bartonia paniculata*, ~~*Allopathrum*~~ ~~*sp.*~~, *Equisetum limosum*, *Galium lanceolatum*, *Geum virginianum*, *Panicum hispidum*, *Potentilla confertiflora*, *Timnia cucullata*, *Brachelytrum aristatum*, ~~*Sp.*~~ ~~*sp.*~~ *Slyenia acutiflora*, *Piptatherum nigrum*, *Schwalbea americana*. Of this last I have as yet found but one single plant. *Hibiscus trionum* grows pretty abundantly below Greenbush, on the East side of the River, on the gravelly shore, in company with *Antirrhinum elatum*.

In May last I found a large flowered *Prunus* on the shore at Hoboken, which agrees best with *P. nigra*: But, I am not perfectly satisfied as to its identity with that species.

I should as a general rule prefer our plants to those of any other country. For the purposes of comparison I should occasionally however prefer a single European plant to many American species though utterly unknown to me. Thus a specimen of *Peplis portula* would be more agreeable to me than almost any of our own vegetable productions, because I should like to see it on the same paper with *Crypta minima*. If you could send me occasional duplicates and triplicates &c, - you would enable me to increase my stock by exchanges with western Botanists.

Mr. David Thomas of Greatfield, Cayuga Co., I believe an accurate botanist, and a zealous and successful cultivator of our indigenous flowers, assures me that *Collinsia verna* is a biennial flowering in May. *Phlox divaricata* and *P. subulata*, according

to the same gentlemen are suffruticose.

Is the expression "flowers divaricate" equivalent to "monoclinous"?
What is meant by "nectaries collateral"?

I wish you would notice particularly the *Chetagalus* I sent you, as I feel extremely doubtful as to the species. On the rich bottom lands about 2 miles above Albany on the River Bank, it is perfectly erect, whereas on the islands near Troy it is low and much branched as I am informed.

I remain, Dear Sir

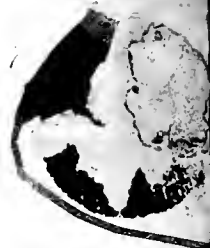
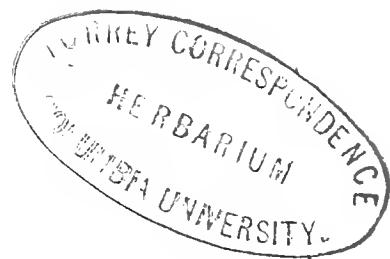
Yours sincerely

George W. Clinton.

P.S. I send you a package of plants this morning by the
Constitution - of the Hudson River line.

Dr. Torrey.

New York



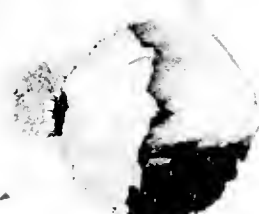
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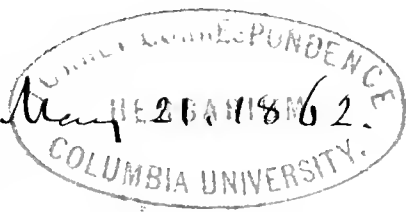
Dr. John Torrey.

New York.

N.Y.



Buffalo, May 25 1862.



My dear Sir:

Very many things, and mostly of a disagreeable or trying nature, have concurred to prevent my writing to you until now, since the receipt of your last favor.

To have a Monograph of the *Leucisura* by your hand, properly illustrated, would gratify one of the most ardent wishes of my heart. Were my matters still living, I think the expense of plates would not be permitted to stand in the way of the execution of the work. As for me, I am poorer than a church mouse.

The *Be. Soc.* of Nat. Sciences, the short list of whose ~~many~~ Members you head, is now well at work: that is, its active members are all, as much as possible, afield.

For myself, I give to it all the time
I can spare from official and other
duties. It is a source of great pleasure
to me to explore the woods, the fields,
the water, once more, with an object.
Every excursion returns to me some
old friend. Within a few days, I
have found the *Polemonium reptans*
& *Trillium erythrocarpum* - plants
which, I think, I have not seen
since 1826. The *Floerkea* I find in
a damp wood, among nettles &c.
From the books I had inferred that
it grew in water.

A week or more ago, in a dry
piece of woods, on a limestone soil,
within ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~space~~ ^{space} of say 30 feet
by 6, I found 25-30 specimens of
a plant, of which I ~~send~~ ^{enclose}
you 3. It looked pretty, each simple
stem tipped with its minute white
flowers. I examined it as thoroughly as
I could with an ordinary pocket mag =

ripe, and concluded that it was one
of the *Burragraceae*. It has, to my now
unpractised eye, the look of a *Lithospermum*.
It was not mature enough to
enable me to determine the genus. I left
some of the plants growing & shall soon
revisit the locality. I could find ^{nothing} ~~nothing~~
^{thing} like it, any where else in the wood. I
have a slight suspicion that the plant
may grow to a larger size & branch.
By telling me what it is you will
much oblige me.

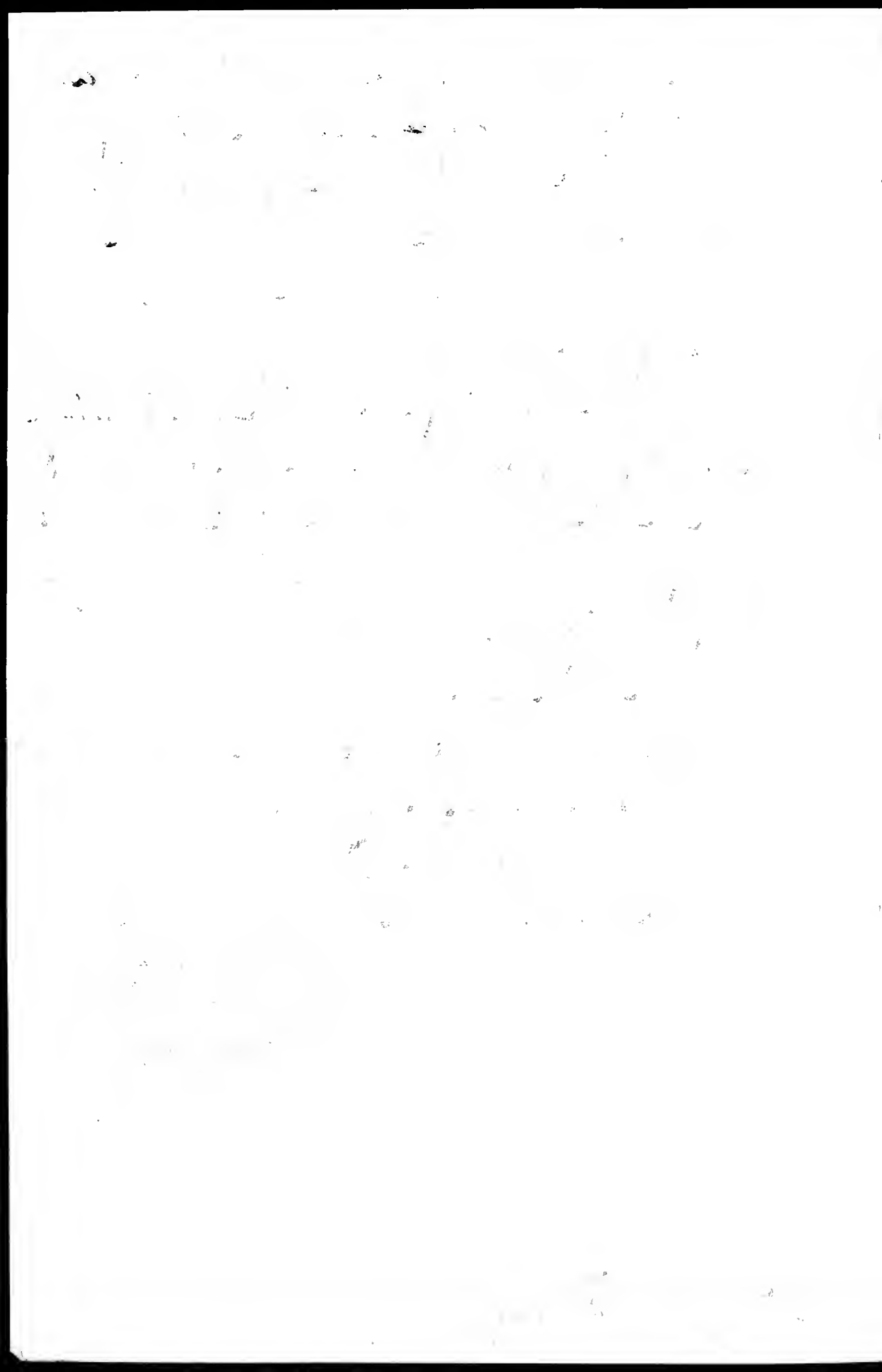
You have not yet fulfilled your
promise to furnish me with a plan of
your herbarium. To have it soon
would be of much service to us.

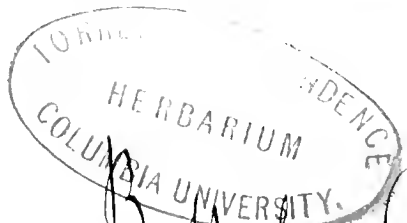
Very Respectfully,
Yours,



H. W. Clinton.

Dr. John Torrey.





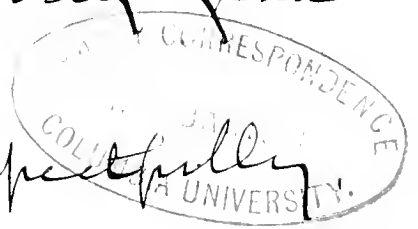
Ruffalo, Oct. 15, 1862.

Dear Sir:

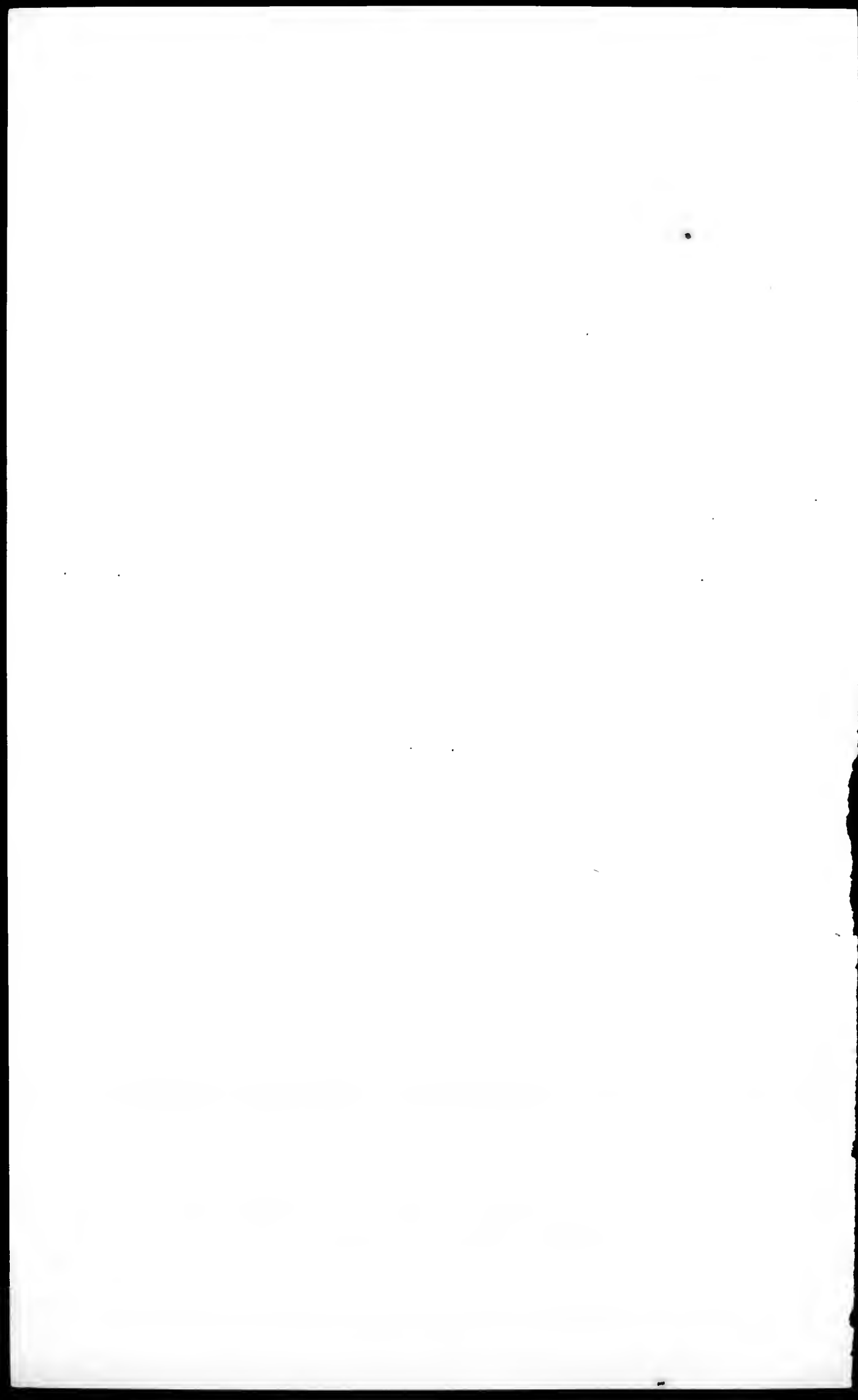
We have collected more than 500 species of plants, excluding the Gramineae, Leguminosae, Gramineae & Cryptogamia: and have added somewhat to the flora of the State. We desire to commence, as soon as practicable, the arrangement of them in a herbarium, but have not yet settled upon the plan of one. Several months ago you promised us the plan of your herbarium: If not inconvenient to you we will be very glad to receive it.

Yours respectfully

G. W. Clinton.



Dr. John Torrey.



Buffalo, Sept. 5, 1863.



Dear Sir:

My attention has, within a few days, been called to your letter to Mr. Slade, our then Cor^y Sec^y, acknowledging the receipt of one from him informing you of your election as ~~honorary~~ honorary Member of The Buffalo Soc. of Nat. Sciences; &

I presume that, in your letter, you express a desire to receive ^{such} information as the Society may be able to furnish touching our flora. I am confident that

My attention had not been called to this before. We are desirous of doing all in our power to gratify your wishes. Knowing the pressure of your engagements, public & private, we did not feel at liberty to call upon you to aid us in the determination of plants: ~~But~~ And we appealed to & have received every assistance that we could desire from Prof. Gray, and, in the Canes, from Prof. Sellow.

We commenced our explorations last year, & collected between 80000 species: But, at the close of the year, we decided to abandon our intention

of publishing a preliminary Catalogue
of our Flora. This season we have
considerably
added to our discoveries, and will
be able, in the winter, to prepare
a nearly perfect catalogue.

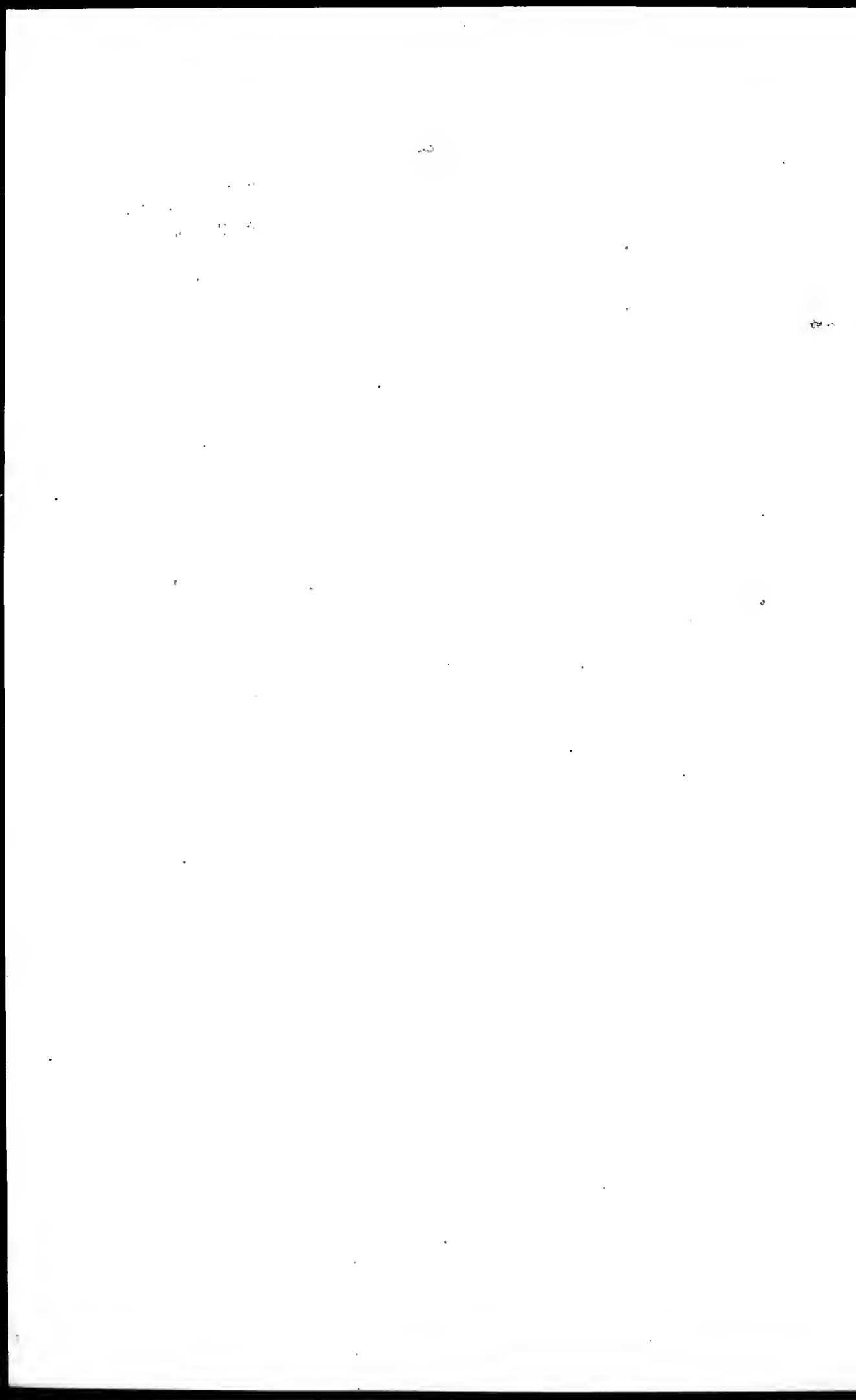
In the meantime, if you desire
it, I will send you a manuscript
list of our plants so far as discovered
& determined. We have added
a few species to our State Flora.

Yours really

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

G. W. Clinton.

Dr John Torrey.



Ruppel



My dear Sir:

I rec^d your favor of the 24th ult^o yesterday morning, on my return from Albany, and am obliged to answer very briefly.

Thanks for your consenting to look at the Asters. There are but two that I am seriously troubled about. One Gray positively declined passing upon - and the other he suggested might be a state of *A. praeantides*. My impression is that it is the *praeantides* of T. & G. - and that what ordinarily passes for that species - the lumber, straggling, zig-zag, fellow - is distinct. This fellow is 3-5 feet. I am sure one I saw was as tall as I, though I did not go up to it to measure - and as erect as a

drum-major.

I am much grieved about Mr Austin's matter. He has taken an entirely too extended view of the nature of his employment. I had a conversation with him, in the State Geological Room, while he was at work, and expressed to him my ~~views~~ ^{objections}, and what I expected him to do. Supposing that he understood that I was speaking by authority. He could not have misunderstood me - but may not have understood that I had power to and was directing him. Dr Worth showed me, at Albany, two long communications sent to him simultaneously by Mr Austin. If you go to Albany, I hope you will read them. Staf-

feels that he understood that the \$100 paid him by Dr W. was part payment. About Dr W. understood that it was full payment for every thing that he was to do, except actual disbursement for paper, &c.

Then, Mr Austin writes that his bill is \$70 (I think that's the sum) & that, on receiving it, he will forward his work - making the receipt of payment a condition precedent.

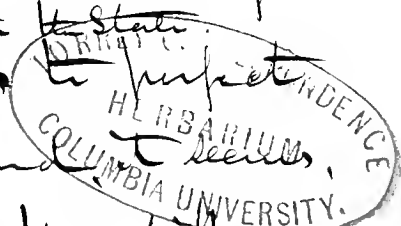
I need hardly say to you, that the whole matter, on Mr Austin's part, has, in my eyes, a very unfavourable appearance. Still, I am in favour of treating him liberally; and, ~~was~~ ^{should} I be satisfied that his conduct has originated entirely in misapprehension, and that he would hereafter obey orders, I should, if you ^{continued to} recommend him, be in favour of permitting him to take part

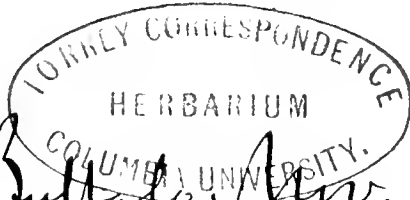
in such work as we may find it
necessary to do by-and-by. But,
as for substituting him for you,
or permitting him to take the entire
direction of the reparation and per-
fecting of the herbarium, it is not
to be thought of for an instant.

The idea seems to be to make up
a herbarium ^{of such plants as grow in the State} - ~~cross it~~ ^{to perfect}
the State herbarium - and ^{seeds,}
he cannot comprehend the difference.

The State herbarium, as it now is,
and apart from your authentications, is,
in my judgment, worth from \$300 to
\$1000:- Perfected, and with your authen-
tications, and connected with your
report, it becomes, to the State es-
pecially, of inestimable value.

And here, I may say, that, a part-
perhaps the most important part of
my plan - is, when the herbarium has
received the accession of the coming season,
to induce you, if I can, ~~with~~ ^{for} a due
remuneration, to ~~superior~~ examine &
authenticate the collection anew: But this I





Buffalo, Nov. 17, 1866.

My dear Sir:

I hope to be able to show myself unto you, in New York, on Wednesday next, and to find you at leisure for my friendly presentations.

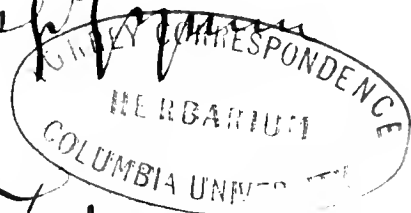
I have resolved, this time, to buy paper, in New York, wherever I wherewith to set up the herbarium of our Society. This will require from 4 to 6 M. species sheets, to say nothing of Manila wrappers. I shall want your advice & directions as to where to buy. I shall also want to ~~ascertain~~ poke about in your herbarium, and ascertain your mode of cataloguing its contents, &c. &c.

Above all, I want to see you
& to thank you for all your
kindnesses. And then I do
want to see your daughter,
of whom I had a mere
glimpse.

I must, of course, stay
at with my daughter -
Mr Henry L. Clinton, At
No. 19 Park Avenue. Will
Please send a line to me,
Hither, informing me when
& where I can see you
with least inconvenience
to yourself. I shall, probably,
remain in New York only
Wednesday & Thursday.

Most truly respectful

H. W. Clinton.



Dr John Torrey.

him not yet reached.

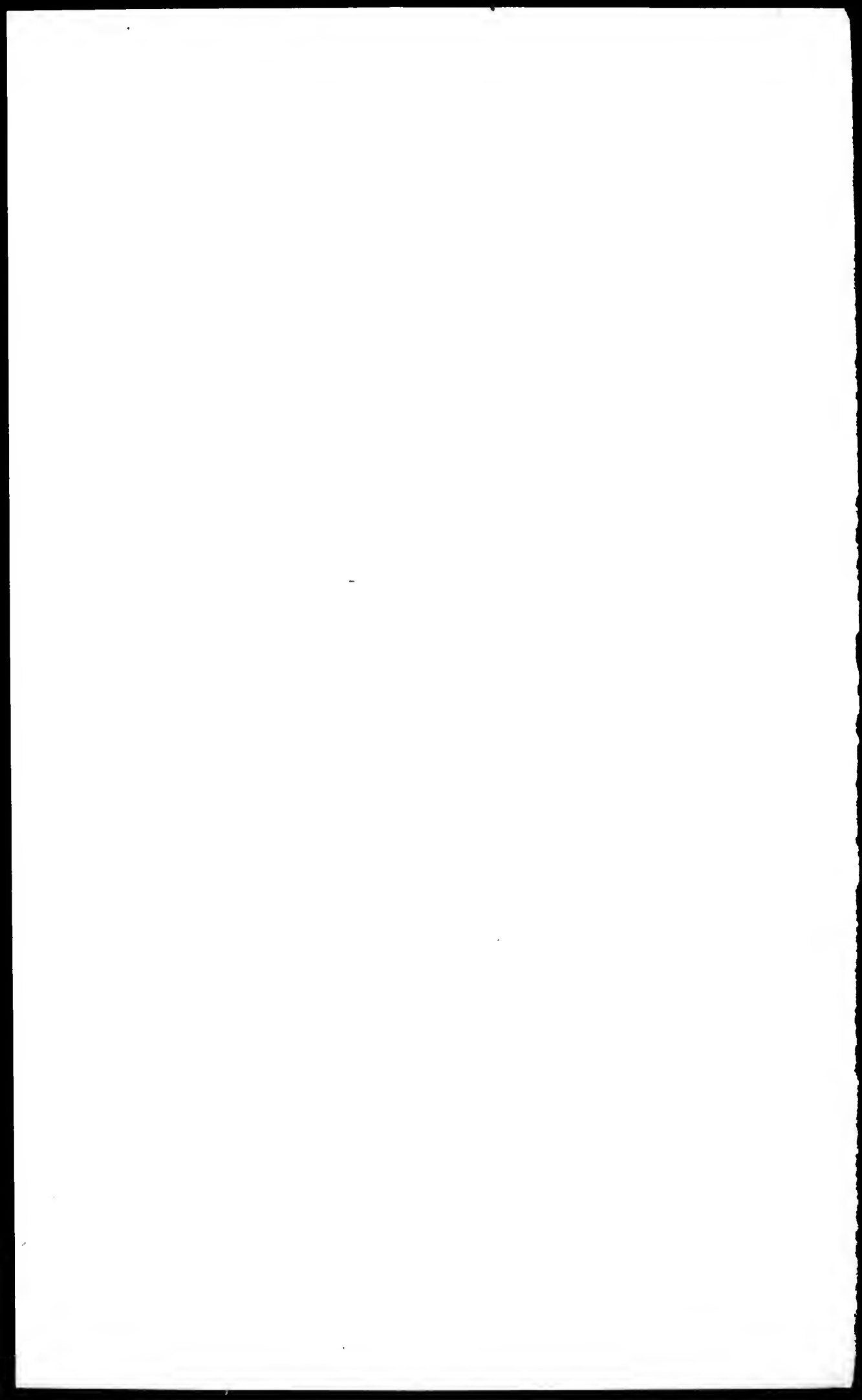
I am,

Very truly
Your friend & serv^t

H. M. Clinton.

Dr. John Torrey.





Buffalo, Dec. 13, 1856.



My dear Sir:

I can't forget the nice evening I had with Mr. J., Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Perry & yourself; and I do hope that you will allow me, should I visit New York this winter, such another pleasure. In fact your amiable daughter should think of shaking her head in the negative - please assure her that I am very sensible that somehow, contrary to my wont, I got a talking. Talked too much & too unwisely, and that, if she will overlook it & let me come, I'll be very good indeed & be as still and quiet as I ought to be.

I am about to plunge into the work of our herbarium-making.

I do anticipate pleasure & profit
from this labor of love. But, I be-
think me, alas! that I am old.
I require spoon-meat. Where is
my spoon, my good instructor?
Would better lay aside your
domestic & collegiate duties, be
deaf to the cares of office, daff
aside the botany of the world, &
eschew College, Wall Street, all
things and places - Make that
Spoon! You'll hear. I assure
you, not a moment's quiet, until
you have made it.

I am now anxious to become
acquainted with our Southern
botanists. I have written to
Dr. Chapman. (Does Dr. F. Austin
go to him, in Deanslow's place?)
I want to get all their plants
from them. Can you, or
rather, will you - help me?

Our Society is about despatch-

ing an herpetologist, Mr Charles
Sutton, to Eastern Florida, to
spend about 3 mos in collecting
for it - especially the birds. I
Poor fellow - he has no smattering
of botany! I wish I could
go with him. It would do me
good. The old tradition was
correct - the fountain of youth
is in Florida. & I. more fortunate
than de Soto, or whoever the
poor fellow was, who vagabonded
after gold to the Mississippi &
I would find it.

I want the whole world to
go botanizing. How can I per-
suade good Dr Thunberg to
open his packages, & as I told
him he ought - "go to grass!"

With my kindest respects to
Miss Torrey

Very truly & respectfully yours
W. C. Cullen.

Dr John Torrey -



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Buffalo, Jan. 9, 1867.



My very dear Sir:

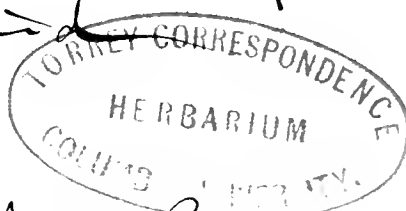
Look out for your
spores! - your botanical ones -
for I contemplate a raid in
Tinsley's back room. I leave to-
night for Albany, to attend the
Report's meeting to-morrow evening
or - & if possible, will run
down to New York, pay my
respects to you & your family,
and pocket that spore! I
must put up at my daughter's,
19 Park Avenue - if she can
put up with me.

I have just rec^d a very
kind & pleasant letter from
Prof. Chapman. But he
writes that his age & in-
firmities keep him from the
field. Ah me! We ought

not to grow old! That's bad
philosophy, I know.

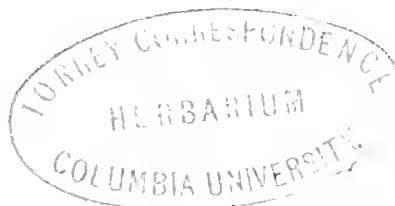
Please give my kindest regards
to the Miss Torrey, & to the
Misses Torrey. (I am determined
to have it right.) And believe
me,

Mine truly & gratefully,
Your friend



J. W. Chittenden.

Dr. John Torrey.



Buffalo, Dec. 30, 1868.

My dear & revered friend:

I do wish you
and yours - & particularly your
precious pearl - a happy, very
happy New Year.

As for me, I am in dumps. I
much rather in big & small ways
confuse me. I have not got the
spark of a magnanimous mouse.

In a few days, the last of my
three girls will leave us. My four
boys are scattered widely. Hyperion
knocks four under us our last
prop. We console ourselves by
saying I ^{to each other} ~~my~~ ^{ret} - then you'll
be my only remembrance: and
so we'll hug, & then go down the
hill together, arm in arm.

It seems impossible almost to me, that the good Providence will not make a way for me to ~~you~~ the enjoyment of your hospitality. Hope (Confound her!) has told me many flattering tales: But she shall still console me.

As for the packet - please express it!

I am glad that Dr Parry has accepted a position of so much usefulness, and, by no means, destitute of dignity.

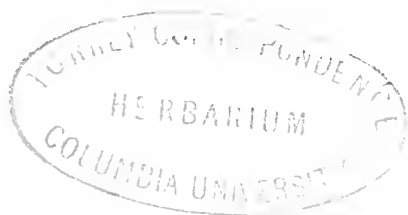
My heart exerts towards Egypt - & has almost reached the Nile. It were to have around May - the hasty, kindly, genial, but ~~not~~ not friend.

I envy Mr. V. Leton - first for his access to yourself - second, for his access to your magnificent works - third, his contemplated exploration of Florida - fourth, for

Am having what I have so longed to
be able to do - "assisted" you. Remember
me kindly to him. Anything I can
do to help or cheer him he may
rely on. Our little Society will
cheerfully. I am sure, take \$50
stock. But it will require a little
time to raise it. Let me know
as to the when & to whom to
send it.

My love to all. especially to
merry, heartsome, charming Margaret.
Yours wholly,

L. W. Clinton.



Dr. Arthur Torrey.

Clinch

Recd June 5th

Buffalo June 3, 1859.

My very dear friend



Please make

my excuses to charming Miss Margaret. My spirits have been considerably below cypher ever since the receipt of the note from her which did me so much good - raised me almost out of the slough of despond. If I were not wholly destitute of proper paper, & where I now am, I would essay to write to her. But I have to get ready for a trip to Albany to-night, & that may give me courage a-jaz. So, look out, Miss Margaret!

I have been, for "some weary months, from time to time, expecting

to visit you, but, alas! something
has always occurred to prevent
it, and I now see no hope
of my enjoying that pleasure.

Dr. Chas Mohr, of Mobile, Ala.,
the possessor of Riddell's Herbarium,
~~said~~ apparently a nice gentleman, &
inclined to be an active botanist,
sent me, early last winter I think,
a package. Having the mistaken
notion that I knew something,
he appealed to me, in divers cases,
to resolve his doubts. In a few
plain cases, I ventured to do so:
But, in others, the questions must,
of right, be submitted unto you.
I too have met with insuperable
difficulties. I rec^d some snips from

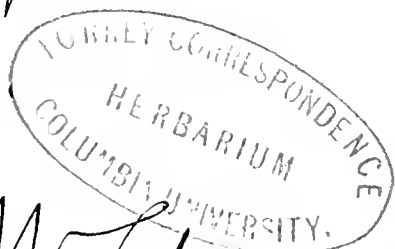
Guiana - (they might better
have been from Guinea -)
and so I am, botanically
speaking, in building Castle.
So release me, heartheart!

I express to you a small
packet - containing the things Dr
W. & I doubt about. Please
be real good for the 999,999,999,999th
time in your life, look them over,
name, & return by Express.

Ever, in the truest
Affection & Respect,

Yours

G. W. Clinton.



Dr. John Torrey.

Quilts