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Agnewburgh, March 31st 1836

No 2 Apr - 8 M
And through Dr. Gray
My Dear Sir

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NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDEN.

The Bill providing for the geological
survey of the State has passed the assembly and probably
soon become a law -

The Bill contemplates the appointment of 8 Geologists and
I have concluded to place my name on the list of can-
didates - My name has been presented to the
Governor and I have just received information
that he will make no appointments without first
consulting Drs. Torrey and Beck as to the qualifications
of the candidates -

You can have but little or no personal knowledge
of my qualifications, but I refer you with great
pleasure to our friend Dr. Gray for information on
that subject - he knows me intimately and has
been a fellow laborer to some extent in mineralogic-
al researches

Should you be inclined to ~~afford me your aid~~
convinced from his representation that I am
qualified to discharge the duty of Geologist with credit,
you will confer a very great favor by addressing
a line to the Gov. stating your opinion

If you should ~~you~~ be inclined to aid me it will
be important to have it attended to soon, as the
Law will probably pass, and the appointments made
in a short time - Dr. Gray will I hope attain
the appointment of Botanist for I know of no one
excepting yourself whose knowledge of the Botany
of this State is so extensive

with much consideration
I remain yours

Dr. Torrey

J. A. Graves

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Given by A. M. VAIL, from the J. J. Crooke Collection



My Dear Sir.

Westport, Sept. 14. 1837
TO WILEY C. BORDEN
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

I recd. your Letter of the 2nd July
Containing the Catalogue of about 100 Plants which you
wished me to send you — On looking my herbarium
however I find that I have no duplicates of more than
30 Species which you have named; of those 30 species
I have put up a package of all the duplicates in my
possession in some cases not even reserving a specimen
many more of them grow in this region & shall be able
to obtain & send them next season — Many of them I
have never seen & shall probably not be able to obtain —
I have delayed sending this package in order to obtain
more duplicates of such as were not out of flower
I shall probably send them by some Merchant going
down after Goods & who will not be able to take
much trouble as they generally have a multiplicity
of their own business; you will therefore please to
forward me your address that they may leave
them at your dwelling or office — or designate some
other convenient place of deposit such as a public Hotel
or the Store of some prominent Merchant.

The Box of organic Remains you mention I sent last
Spring had not time to accompany the Box with a Letter
& have not found it convenient since on account of a press
of professional business — I have not paid any attention
to the subject of O. Remains except the collection of them

The names of a few I have accidentally picked up from
other Gentlemen — I wish you would name or procure
them to be named with the addition of such brief
Observations as may be useful in the collection of them
Most of the specimens were cut out with the chisel by my own
hands from the shelly surface of the Secondary Limestone
Rock on & near the banks of the Black River

N^o. 1 I suppose to be the common Orthoceras the large one
certain is imperfect, whether the small one is or not I am
at a loss

N^{os}. 2A 2B 2C Are they parts of the Orthoceras?
Is not 2C the Siphuncle of the Orthoceras?

N^{os}. 3A 3B 3C I have never seen any specimens more
perfect than those sent though they must be very imperfect

N^o. 5A Paris Onida Co. ~~12A~~ I have agreed with a
Gentleman to send me some very perfect specimens which
I can send you next Spring if you wish

N^o. 12A from Madison Co. Suppose it to be the Encrinurus
12B Cherry Valley Otsego Co.

23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. ~~32. 33.~~ from Hamilton
Madison Co. are they imbedded or moulded in Argillaceous
State or a species of ^{or what} nautilus?

32. 33. Madison Madison Co.

34 a small Statacete from Watertown Co. which
I mentioned in a former Letter

The specimens from Mad. Co. are much more perfect
than some I have seen indeed one that I have reserved
I shall soon obtain more of the perfect ones I can send
if you choose

N^o. 2A I have several specimens much longer than the
one I sent - sent that because it just fitted the box
I shall cut out one in a few days 4 ft. 6 inches in
length have seen them 6 ft. long - can send you
longer ones if you wish

N^o. 4 can procure them perfectly globular from 2 inches
in diameter to 2 1/2 ft. Shall I send more of them?
many of the specimens are so imperfect that it may
be impossible to determine the name, when that is the
case I wish it to be noted

N^o. 6A have seen more than 12 inches
in diameter would you wish a large specimen?

In one of your Letters you wished me to send
some well characterized specimens of Organic
Remains to the Lyceum - These such as they are
you may keep yourself or present to the
Lyceum as you please - If I wish to
them to the Lyceum - I did not know to
whom to direct them should you think
them interesting you may send me something
in exchange if you please

I sent no specimens of Mineralogy from
this region & but one small specimen from
our Cave as in answer to my Letter you
did not request it. if you wish for any
Specimens of either please mention it

Lieut. Hopkins when he was here 2 years
since promised to send me a Box of Min-
erals from W. Point & I never rec^d them
but when he left there he wrote to his friends
here to inform me that he had partly filled
a Box for me that he had left it in
your care that you had agreed to fill
it & forward it to me - Do you know
any thing about such a Box or what has
become of Hopkins?

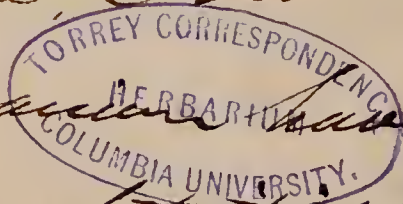
If you wish your Plants forwarded this fall
you write to me immediately on the receipt
of this & mention the place of deposit -
If there is any thing opportunity to Botany
or Mineralogy that I can obtain for you
in this region I shall always be happy
to oblige you

I wish I could come to N.Y. & spend a
few days at least with you & view your
Cabinets of Natural History, hope I shall
next summer - will you write soon?
don't know whether will find you in N.Y.
or at W.P. conclude the former shall therefore
direct it to that place

Yours Respectfully

J. D. Croawe

P.S. That small species of *Geranium* have had
you had time to examine it? & what is it I wrote
you that it was native - there were a few others
I thought you did not name as you had not
time to examine them



1824
George John Torrey
New York



J. B. Crane
Sept 14th 1824
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