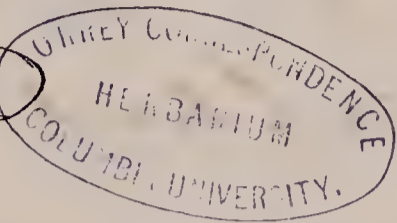


Washington, June 12th. 1852

Dr. John Torrey



Dear Sir,

I received yesterday, your letter of the 8th inst. and in reply I have to state that before leaving El Paso in December last, Major Emory requested me to take charge of two boxes of plants as far as San Antonio, which were intended for your examination & description. This I did, and delivered them as requested by him, and in accordance with the directions upon them, to Messrs. J. R. Sweet & Co. of San Antonio.

Knowing that you would very naturally wish to get these collections as soon as possible, I stated to Mr. Sweet that I would put them along with some packages of my own and

See them safe as far as New Orleans, and
there ship them, if he desired it. Mr.
Sweet however replied that his written
orders from Major Emory were to retain
them subject to his future orders.

These boxes were marked, I think,
A and B. There was a third box
directed to you, from Dr. Pejelow
the physician of the Commission,
which was also left with Messrs.
J. R. Sweet, & Co. at San Antonio. I
presume if you were to write to
them they would forward them to you.

I brought in a large collection of
plants & seeds, gathered exclusively

under my own direction between July &
November 1857, which were some time
ago placed in the hands of Professor
Asa Gray, for description. These
were all made west of El Paso
before I was relieved from duty on
that Commission by Major Emory.

I am with great regards
Dear Sir, Yours very respectfully

J. D. Graham



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