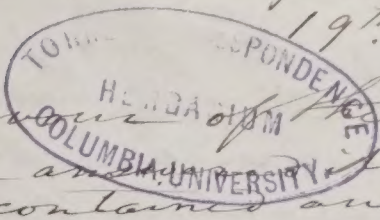


Ans. March 5th.

Fort Independence, Boston

Dear Doctor.

19th February 1834



Your favour of the 3rd inst. was rec^d on the 8th following, & I should have answered ere this but for the arrival of my library (which contained an essential article for you) from the South, and was then expected daily. It accordingly arrived last week, & so soon thereafter as its arrangements admitted I now seize the pen and accompany it with a copy of the Prodromus, which I hope will prove satisfactory.

The information imparted in yours of the 3rd, viz that you wrote me a letter while at Baltimore, & put it into a parcel which Mr Rafinesque placed in your hands for me in April 1831 is the first intimation of a correspondence attempted I have had of the fact. In May 1831 I rec^d from Rafinesque a letter only dated 30th March, of which you appeared to have been the bearer as far as Baltimore: for a short note in your hand writing on the back of the letter dated "Baltimore 1st March 1831," addressed to me as follows: "I greatly regret that he is obliged to return immediately to New York &c." ("Why, not so near, come on? Rafinesque would have rendered his stay agreeable; with ourselves I presume time would have been lost in chitchat on many subjects.") But to continue, Rafinesque states in his letter, that you had the goodness to take charge of for me, two copies of his Medical Flora, (one intended for Rich) and -copies of his "Neogenyton": one of the Flora's was rec^d in June following: the Neogenyton I have not seen, or the other copy of the Flora, even to this day. Our Botanical friend, in the District of Col^a, greatly regretted the necessity that prevented you from reaching Washington, for they anticipated & dwelt with much pleasure on the courtesy & satisfaction it would have afforded them in rendering their cordial hospitalities to your Lady and self agreeable to all parties, & particularly to one so well known to them.

I have not at present with me a herbarium, but either of our friends in the District will take pleasure in forwarding any plant you may desire, either dry or green, mentioned in the catalogue. Dr. McWilliams, particularly has the largest & fullest herbarium, & more duplicates than the others of the "Club"; (for there are no other botanists in the District I might safely add in the adjoining States;) who I am sure will exchange, or furnish you with peculiar pleasure any plant named in the Prodromus. as I shall have occasion, next week, to write to McWilliams, to whom I shall ^{will} certainly make known your wish and with a request to communicate your object to the rest of the Club; whom, also, I can assure you will each be gratified by

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Fort Independence, Boston
28th January 1834.

Dear Sir

I take much pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the foregoing 'Card', presuming you have a copy of the work therein indicated, viz the Prodomus of the Sic. Col. - If I am not mistaken a copy was forwarded to you from Washington, immediately on its publication in 1830; however I have no acknowledgement of its reception, and should there be a mistake in the premises, be pleased to inform me at your convenience, & it shall be rectified, by forwarding a copy, tho' at this late period.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your obt. Serv.

A. S. MITCHELL.

Dr. J. Torrey
New York

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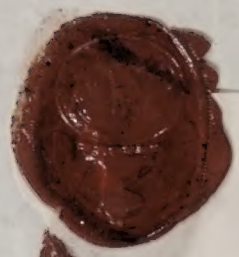
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