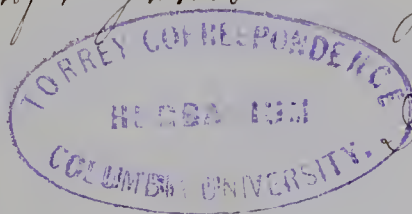


N. Y. Jan 2nd 1850

Prof. John Torrey M. D.



Dear Sir

I have put up for Dr. Greville - specimens of such species of his list, as I could furnish from my own collection - being 26 species represented by 40 specimens. - Some of these are very rare - others not so.

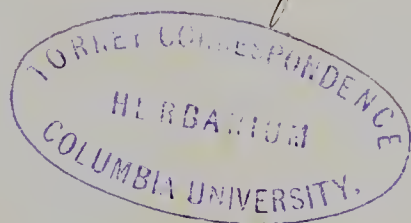
Of the species enumerated by Dr. G., many are scarcely known except by their catalogue names - and ^{are} to be found in none of our cabinets - except perhaps that of Mr. Lea of Phil., - Others are of doubtful value - or have been so imperfectly described & figured as to be unrecognizable.

Mr. John G. Anthony of Cincinnati - Mr. E. R. Beadle of N. Orleans - or Prof. J. S. Haldemann - could probably furnish many species - which I have not contributed - and the first named two, would probably be glad to enter into exchange with Dr. G., - I have myself but little

time now for exchanging - but gladly do
what I can to aid Dr. G. - merely asking
that whenever either he, or yourself can throw any
thing interesting in the conchological line - into my
way - you will do so.

Yours Sincerely

John H. Redfield

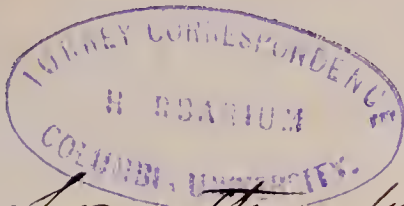


P. S. Perhaps Prof. C. B. Adams of Amherst College
could also aid Dr. G.

J.H.R.

New York Apr. 10th 1852.

Dear Sir



Some three weeks since I addressed you a circular in reference to a work I am about publishing here based upon an English one of the same title "Men of the time in 1852" and requesting a short biographical sketch of yourself, and a list of the botanical works you have pub^d. in accordance with the specimens annexed. Prof. Gray has already furnished the facts in his own case. May I again beg the same favor from you. May I trespass upon your time and kindness so far as to ask you to point out any person ^{in this country} or source, from whence I can obtain a biographical sketch of Prof. Lindley for the same purpose.

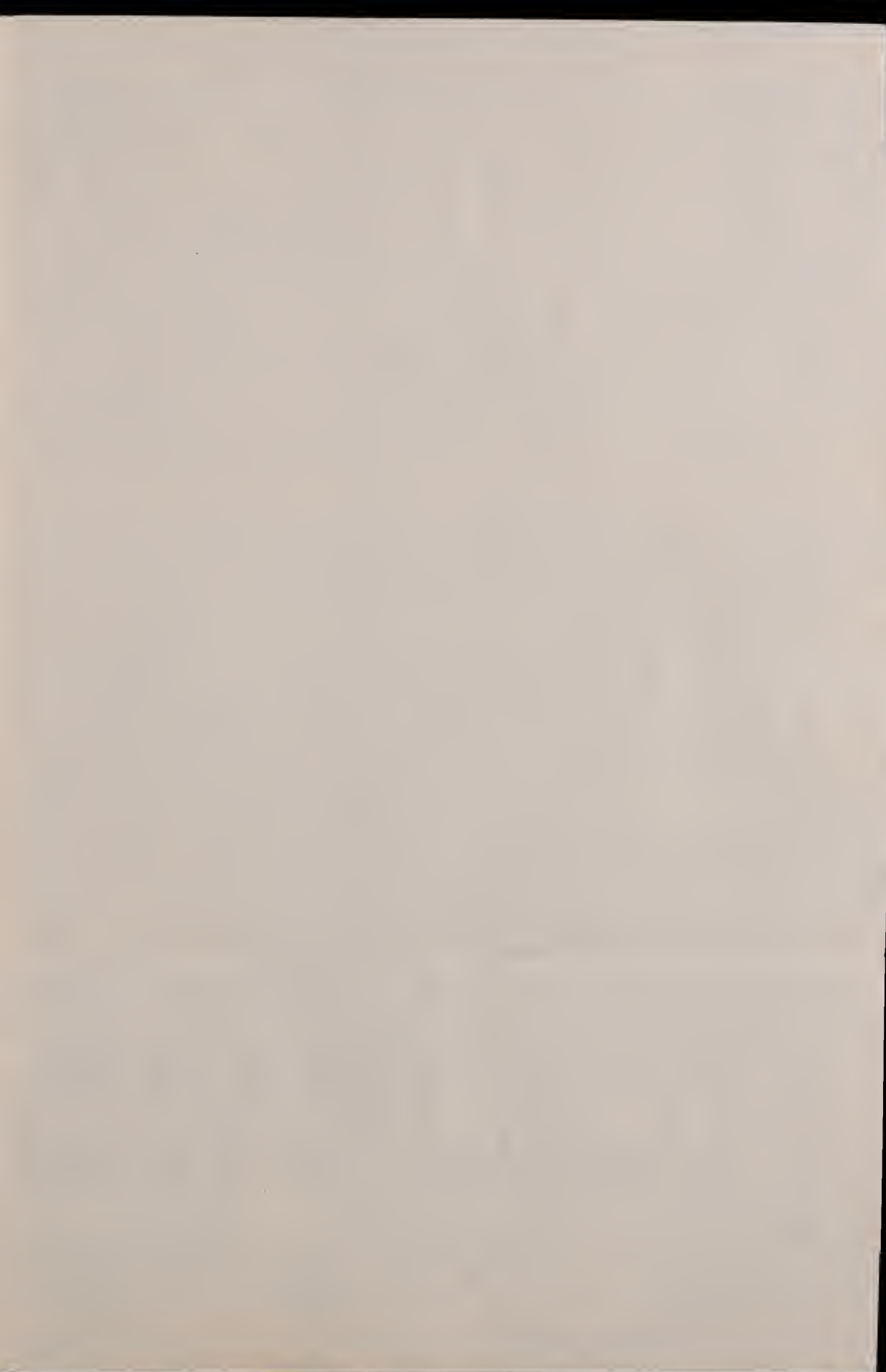
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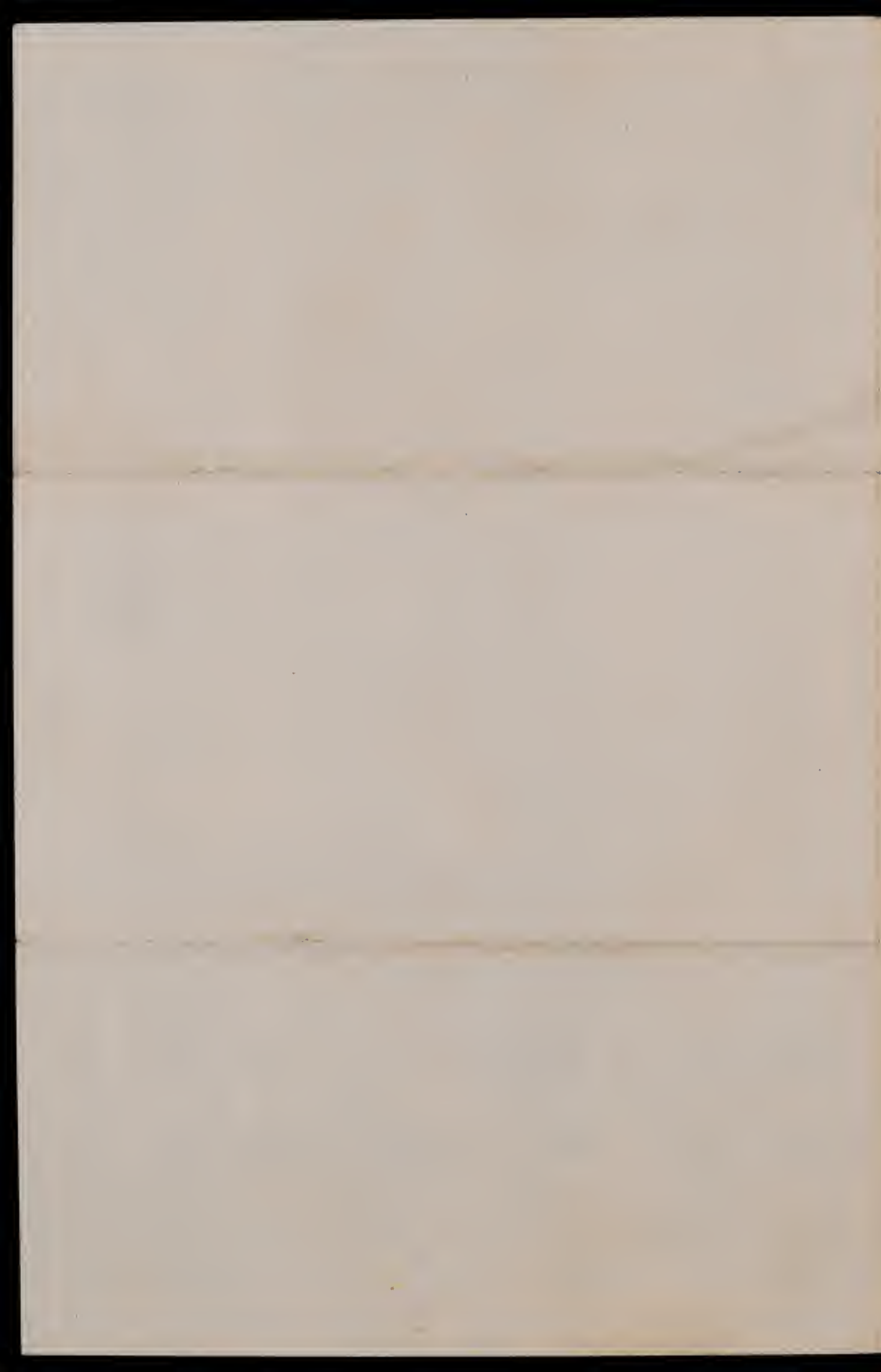
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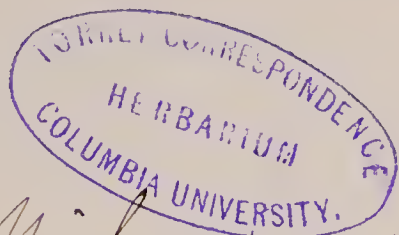
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May I beg your early attention
as part of the work is already in
the printers hands.







Phil^a April 24, 1859

Dr. John Doney N.Y.

My Dear Sir

I received your kind favor of 20th, last evening, on my return from a trip to Cedar Bridge N.Y. - of which I will speak presently.

In reply to yours - I bought thro' Dr. Gray about three years ago - two broken sets of Wright Ferns - which gave me the most of the species which he collected - though there were many gaps in the series. I might take an early opportunity to send you a mem. of my desiderata - or if it would not be presuming - I would say that such of ~~them~~ ^{the set} as you have to spare would be very welcome to me - even if duplicates, as I could make them useful. But your kindness has already put me under great obligations to you - which I cannot

discharge in kind - for it seems hopeless
for me to contribute to any thing new
to your botanical stores,

The New Garden ferns will be
most acceptable - & useful as a study.

I should be most happy some time
to accept your kind invitation - to stop
over night with you - but for the fact
that my mother feels that she has a
claim on me - during the brief visits
that I can make in N. Y. - But whenever
my time will permit - I shall certainly
be glad to call on your family &
to have a good social chat with
you.

I finished examining & putting
away the New Mexican ferns - last
week, & must again thank you for
your kindness in contributing so many
new & very curious species. I intended
to write you last week to acknowledge
them - but as I had the Cedar Budge

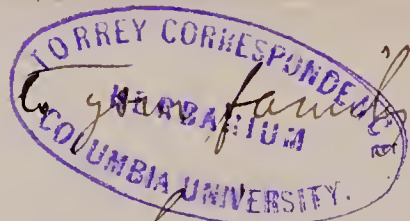
episode in prospect - I concluded to wait -
in hopes of being able to send you on my
return - specimens of Coccoloba Bourcadii

In company with a friend, well experienced
in Jersey botanizing, I reached the place
at 2 P.M. of Thursday, & left at 7 A.M. of
next day. During that time we scoured
the neighborhood thoroughly - examining
all the high ground within a mile
or two each way. We found two
patches of bare white sand - cor-
responding most accurately with
the locations given in your paper
in Ann. N.Y. Lyc. Nat. Hist. IV. 83, and
I have every reason to believe they are
the same from which your plants were
taken - especially as in the whole course
of our search - we found no similar
spots. But I am sorry to have to
report - that not a vestige of the
plant remains in either place. Whether
some of the collectors have eradicated

the whole thing - or whether - cows or
hops running at large, near the
Tavern have destroyed it is uncertain,
but it is safe to say that the
Coccyzus no longer exists at that
locality. If it should be again found
any where in Jersey - it is likely to
be on that barren sandy stretch #1
crossed before reaching Cedar Bridge,
or a mile in width, that most
singular region - has a wonderfully
Cape Cod look - & abounds with bare
sandy spots - & we eyed it ^{from the wagon} very care-
fully on our return ~~in~~ but without
success. Excuse this long story - but
I thought you would be interested to
learn these facts - about a place so
rarely visited.

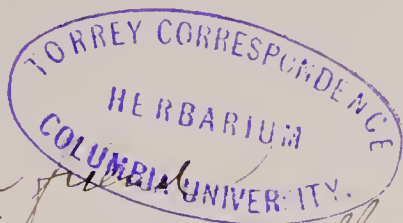
With kind regards
I remain

Your sincere friend
John H. Redfield



That region - really the most "hilly" - between Pemberton
& Cedar Bridge - & consisting of a succession of old raised
sea beaches - is called by the natives - "The Plains!"
I ought also to say, that the Pemberton Mills locality - is doubtless
lost as that whole neighborhood is now under cultivation.

Phil^a Sept 21, 1869
Dr. John Torrey
N.Y.



My dear friend

I am not willing to delay for one day, an acknowledgment for the bundle of treasures you have sent me. Of course I have had time as yet - only to glance at the contents here & there, but that hasty look has revealed many novelties, and since the species seem to be mostly Asiatic - they will be all the more acceptable.

Just now I am pretty closely occupied both at the office & at home - so that will be some weeks probably - before I can finish the careful culling & examination - of the lot - but my thanks for your kindness in this contribution, need not wait till then, though

I shall probably report to you, then
more definitely as to the accessions.

Thanks too for your hint as to Prof.
Calder. I am hoping, some day to see
him in N. Haven & compare notes.

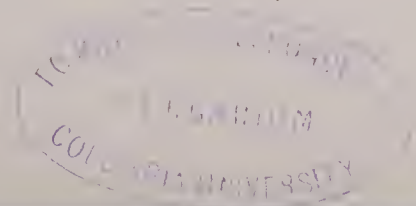
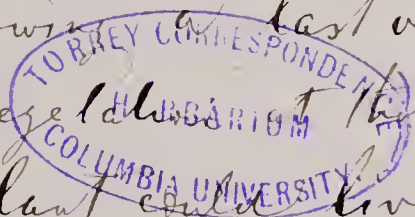
Towards the end of August I spent
a day or two in Hunter in the center of
the Catskill group of Mt. A tramp
through "Stony Gorge" - a deep gorge which
runs from N. E. to S. W - connecting
a road from Hunter into the town of
Phenicia - I was agreeably surprised to
find Aspidium aculeatum var. Braunii
growing there in great abundance. I am
not aware that it has before noticed
(in our country)
farther south than Green Mt. or Adirondacks.
I had the pleasure of collecting the same
fern in June in the Notch of Mt. Mans-
field Vt - a deep glen - very similar
to Stony Gorge - in its character.

I forget whether I have ^{before} spoken to
you of my visit to Mt. Mansfield in

game (about 10"). I spent two days & nights
on the summit - & had a good look at
the mountain flora. Many of the plants
I never had seen in flower & in place.
The summits are not quite high enough
to give the real alpine plants - but
on the "Chin" about 14,400 ft - I found a
single clump of Diapensia - interesting
thought - as showing at least vestige of
the ancient vegetation at this point - &
showing the plant could live - & only
barely live - at that height - ~~in that~~ ^{in that} latitude.
In the higher White Mt. I suppose it
is comparatively abundant.

Excuse my long gossip. My family
send their kind remembrances to
you. Please give my regards also to
yours - & believe me to be

Yours most truly
John H. Peasfield





Phil^a Oct 16, 1869

Dr. John Torrey

My dear Sir



The package of Schott ferns with your letter reached me yesterday, and I have looked over the contents with much satisfaction. Your kindness puts me under renewed obligations which I fear I cannot discharge.

I had just finished cutting out & mounting the specimens from the Baw distribution, & I am happy to report to you that I found therein 87 species new to me. Beside this it gave me a large number of specimens representing different regions of country of many species I had before. Moreover the authenticity of names gave all an additional value & enabled me to correct some errors in names

before received.

The New Granada Herms collected by Schott were evidently ~~not~~ prepared with great care; and all will go into my collections, I find on them - 13 more new species, making 100 novelties from you & carrying the total no. of species in my collection (incl. Lycopods) to over 700, (following Baker).

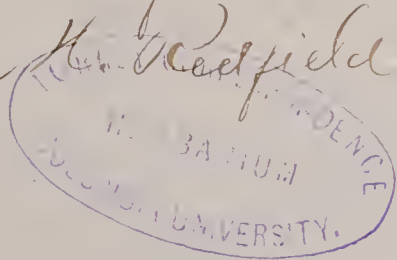
I should be very glad to meet Prof. Eaton & also to be present at the meeting of the Club this month. I fear however that I cannot get over to N. Y. so soon. Possibly I may see you in November and if I can time any of my winter visits so as to hit a Club meeting, I shall esteem it a privilege.

I do not know what I can do for you botanically in return for your favours, you are doubtless

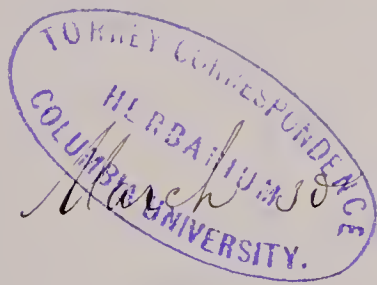
complete in all the plants of
these older states - but if at
any time there is any thing
special wanted from this re-
gion for yourself or friends
only indicate it - & I will try
to get on its track. I have not
leisure for much collecting myself
but have a friend who is pretty
much at home in all Jersey
plants.

My family join me in kind
regards to yourself and yours.

Your sincere friend
John H. Redfield







Phila March 28, 1870

Dr. John Torrey
N.Y.

My dear friend

Now that I have fully completed the selecting & mounting of the ferns of your last Brew package, let me thank you a little more fully & definitely than I could do during my recent brief & unexpected visit to N.Y.

An unusually large proportion of the species were new to me. I added 32 species to my collection, and of some that were not new - I was enabled to more fully represent the geographical distribution. The Jamesonia gave me a new genus - and a very curious one too. Many of the Polypodi were very curious - especially the dimorphic species - of which I would recall to you P. rigidum - with a sterile frond hardly

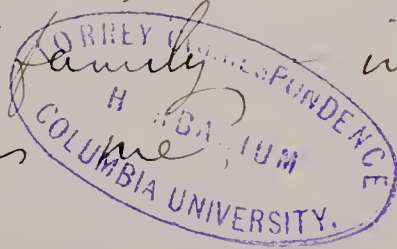
even lacinate - while the fertile one is
so absolutely & earnestly pinnate - that if
we did not see them growing from the same
rhizome - ~~we~~ it would be difficult to
credit their identity;

I had a dozen or two of southern
(Florida) plants given me the other day -
among them the *Sarracenia Drummondii*
of poor Brown - which was published &
figured in the *Annals of Lyc.* in the old
days - when you were at the head of
the Publ. Comm. - It is a very curious
species.

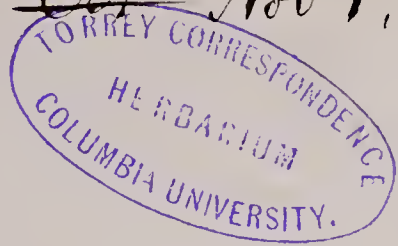
Trusting that you will not forget
that April visit - when I hope to show
you some of the region of which we
are going to make a park, & with
regards to yourself & family in
which Mrs. Redfield joins

I remain

Yours Sincerely
John H. Redfield



Phila. Oct Nov 1, 1872



Dr. John Torrey
My dear friend

I have looked over my collections with reference to the localities of the plants you showed me — with the following result:

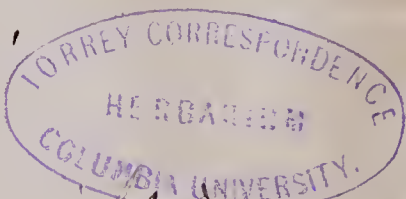
The resinous *Sinosyrus*-looking plant is from
the Sierrita Valley

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|--|--------|------------------|------------------|
| The spreading <i>Guzonophytum</i> | — from | Crane Flat, | Sierras, |
| " <i>Gutierrezia</i> | " | Salt Lake City — | |
| " <i>Loa axillaris</i> | " | Rock Creek, | Wyoming; |
| " <i>Actinella</i> with narrow leaves | } | Sherman, | do. |
| + tall scapes | | | |
| " <i>Spindelia</i> | | Sathrop, | Calif. |
| " <i>Sarcobatis</i> | | Humboldt Stat. | Nevada |
| " <i>Emotia lanata</i> | | Granger Stat. | Wainstock — Utah |
| " <i>Eriogonum</i> divaricate & holding flowers. | do. | do. | do. |
| " <i>Obione</i> round leaved | do. | do. | do. |
| " Another Chenopod (return here will) | do. | do. | do. |
| " <i>Gilia</i> | " | do. | do. |
| " <i>Tichostema</i> | " | do. | do. |
| | | Geyser, | Calif. |

Obione sample returned of same as usually
came from Miser, Wyoming

The ~~leaf~~ Senecio will deeply toothed triangular
leave I do not find among mine,
Nor the filia returned without locality
Nor the rough leaved Creston

I hope these rough hasty notes may be
of some service,



Returned all right I am in the mail
again

With kind regard to your daughter
also to Mr. Leroy. remain as ever

Your affectionate friend
John H. Reelfelt