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Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce to your ~~the~~ Doctor Young, a son of an old friend of mine, who visits the West in the hopes of following his profession. He comes well recommended by Professor Silliman and others who have become acquainted with him in the course of his studies and elsewhere. any assistance or advice you may be inclined to bestow upon him will be accounted by me as a favour.

Your knowledge of the West and probably of the country he wishes to visit, may prove useful to him and you will therefore probably excuse me the liberty I have taken of addressing you in his behalf.

I remain your
Obliged Servant
Thos. Nuttall

Excuse me for enquiring if you have heard any thing of the Santa Fe expedition in wh. Mr. Gambell went, or any thing concerning him. If you can find a moment to spare to tell me any thing about him, I shall be exceedingly obliged

Dr.

Doctor Engelman,

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Doctor Engelmann,

Dear Sir)

I some time since, on the return of the Santa Fe traders, received a letter from Wm Gambel to whom I took the liberty of introducing you last spring. he was on the 24th of July at Sta Fee, and intending about the middle of August to start for California with a party of Americans and Mexicans, and is I suppose by this time in California. He also said that he was sending on to me a part of the collections he had made up to that place by another party returning to St. Louis in October. If any thing should arrive for me will you favor me by recieving the same, and deliver John H. Barnard. Doctor or druggist in St. Louis who honored Mr. Gambels bill of credit from G. W. Carpenter to be so obliging as to defray the freight of the same, and charge it to the account of G. W. Carpenter, Druggist. Market St. Philadelphia

As I shall be in England when the packages arrive, I shall be again obliged to Dr. Barnard, to ship the

same to New Orleans to the care of Brander, Wright & Co. in New Orleans, forwarding brokers, desiring them to ship them by the earliest opportunity to Liverpool (England), to the direction of Thos. Nuttall, Liverpool, to the care of Thos. Crook, Esqr. Exchange Street, East. Liverpool. I am thus particular and anxious about these collections as they will be seeds, and perhaps some living plants, wh. will require, the most immediate attention to preserve them alive, and wh. I intend to make the most of solely for the benefit of Wm. Gambel, who has thus, at the risk of life and health, as well as considerable expense, undertaken to augment our knowledge of a region hitherto scarcely at all explored. In giving you this trouble I hope my excuse will be in some measure the advancement of our favorite science.

A letter that may arrive by the last of this month may still find me here, as I intend going to Liverpool by the 1st. of December. I am now busy with bringing out an extensive addition to a new edition of Michaux's Sylva. I shall add 120 plates of species hitherto not included in our list of forest trees.

By the bye, in the vicinity of Cincinnati Mr. Lea, an assiduous botanist has collected and sent to me specimens of an oak wh. we took to be

that exceedingly rare species. The Quercus heterophylla of Michaux, but wh. we both now consider as a distinct species. It has the same smooth, simply lobed, sub pinnatifid leaves, the lobes entire with setaceous points, and a conic, striated acorn in a rather shallow cup, not distinguishable from Michaux's figure of the fruit of Q. heterophylla, but the leaves have long petioles like the red and black oak, and are much broader, and in the whole more allied to the Q. tinctoria; the acorns are also deep yellow at the base. I have mentioned this tree for your examination, as it probably grows near you. I dont like the idea of the existence of natural hybrids. but these 2 puzzling oaks seem very much like it. At the same time I know no parents wh. they can have to produce such forms. Oak is certainly allied to Q. tinctoria, and Q. ambifera of Mich. but not more than the three latter are to Q. coccinea and Q. rubra.

Excuse the liberty I have taken to trouble you with my concerns, but believe me

Your obliged friend

Thos. Nuttall.

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