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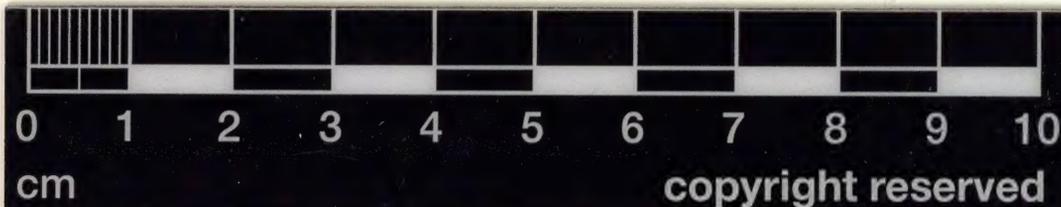
Very Dear Sir.

Prestele
I take leave to write to you and first must beg for a little indulgence, that perhaps you will understand not very well, as being a German and not very well acquainted with the english language.

It's perhaps you know already that I engrave mostly the botanical Drawings for the Government at Washington, and also that I have engraved The plants & Cactacae for Lieut. Whipple's Report for which I suppose you have made the explanations for them, and also the one for Major Emory, which was I suppose done by your advice on steel at your City. As I take much interest with these works, which I hope are executed to your full satisfaction I would beg your kindness to let me see a proof of each of them, viz those done on steel or I if I dare ask your favor for whole ^{set} with the letter-press, if so it would gave me much pleasure, and also if I would hear from you, or that you would fullfill my wishes. With high respect I remain

Your Most obed^t Serv^t *(over)*

Joseph Prestele, Engraver
Ebenezer Society.



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P. S. I am also Fruit & Flower Painter such which
are used by the Nurserymen, and by John Sigerson & Br.
at your place, if perhaps you could use some of them
for yourself. I have ready a variety of over 100 ^{sorts.} J. P.

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