

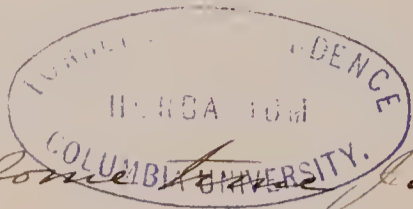
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Chippawa Canada West  
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Dear Sir

I have determined for some time past to communicate with you but have put it off from time to time in hopes of having something worth troubling you with but as I happen to have a copy of Pursh's Flora which once belonged to Douglas and which contains a few notes made by him I have thought it better to transcribe them in case there may be anything useful to you which I hardly expect. I have not copied such Nations as are already given on his authority in your work; nor a number of species which have merely a date and his initials attached. I suspect from the superior sources of information in your power that there will be nothing new in these extracts.

In the course of my duty as an Assistant Surgeon of Her Majesty's army I have been moved about to various parts of Canada during the last two years - from the late Department Territory to my present Station where I hope to remain during the summer. I should be happy to furnish you with a list of the species I have met with and it would give me still greater pleasure to send you duplicates of any plants you might desire. I have sent some 200 species to our Edinburgh Bot. Society and I regret now that I did not reserve for you and Dr Gray such species as I thought interesting - as however they are submitted to my friend Prof Balfour of Glasgow as well as to my old preceptor Dr Graham I will hear if there be anything new among them. These were all from Canada East. Of course my nomenclature is very defective as I had only Pursh and Eaton's Manual and have none else yet for the orders not yet published by you. I must soon see some more parts for it is unsatisfactory work without it. Of the plants which I have found lately near the Falls, the most interesting to me are *Aedon glabra* - *Myrsophyllum* - *Schizophyllum* - *Lindernia attenuata*? - *Pastinaca disperua*.



*Munularia macrostigma* - *Galenaria psychodes* - *Thespium*  
*barbodes* - *Syringium bermudianum* - at least a species  
taller than aneeps and agreeing with the characters in Eaton  
a *Penstemon* which I cannot name - like *pubescens*, *Lulhyus*  
*ochroleucus*, and some others - On the bank of the Rideau Canal  
in May I got *Taraxacum retrofractum* - *Clematis verticillaris*  
*Polygala fraxinifolia* &c - but of course almost every thing I find  
is new and interesting to a comparative stranger in the country  
as I am - By the way I see you are of opinion that *Silene*  
*inflata* is an introduced plant - I found it in profusion  
last summer on the mountains or hills rather round  
Lake Temiscouata near the frontier on the St John and then  
I hardly think it could have been imported - I wish you or  
Dr Gray think of anything in the way of collecting &c that I  
can do here I shall be most happy and anything occurs  
to you, a letter directed Dr MacLagan, Medical Staff  
Chippawa, Canada West, will find me - Believe me Sir  
very truly yours  
Thos. J. MacLagan

Prof Torrey  
New York -

I hope you will excuse me introducing myself but I daresay  
if I had delayed I might have got a regular introduction from  
some of the members of your Society -

