

Recd. Feb. 24th

And Apr. 5th West-Gresden Feb. 16th 1838

My Dear Sir

When I was at Middletown last fall Dr. Fisk said that he thought that the Wesleyan University would employ me to collect specimens in Natural History for them. Since that I have received a letter from him stating that they could not for want of funds. He says that in conversation with you - you said that if I would go & collect you ^{would} sell the specimens for me in Europe. Instead of making sales for me will you assist me in making exchanges with European Botanists? I am anxious to make my herbarium as extensive as possible, & am desirous of exchanging with European & American Botanists. I intend going West to make collections in the Spring. What route had I better take? What parts have been the least explored by Botanists? If you will assist me in exchanging if not for other specimens, for books on Natural Science I will go & collect wherever you think best. Any advice that you can give as to the manner of my proceeding & how many specimens of each kind to collect will be very acceptable. I have about 1400 indigenous species of plants which I am studying carefully this winter; besides I have access to Dr. Sartwell's herbarium. I have Elliott's Botany & Nuttall's Genera & 2^d vol. Annals of bot. Lycum. Have you published any thing lately on Botany that will be of assistance & which I can obtain at the book stores? I do not think Dr. Barrett is displeas'd with you, on the contrary he spoke very highly of you. I suspect the true reason of his advising me not to give you that paper is this - he is selfish, he wishes to monopolize my efforts - wants me to send plants exclusively to him - seems desirous of hindering me from sending specimens to you. Says that you have so many duties, that

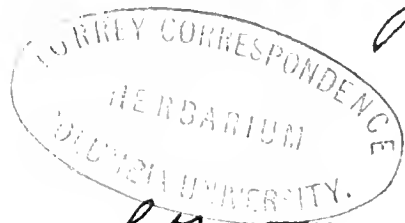
you would not have time to name plants for me; & in order to
hinder our further acquaintance gave me said advice. I would
by no means say any thing that would occasion a breach between
you & Dr B. I still think him as much your friend as ever.
I have no objections to selling plants if we cannot exchange to advantage.
Of course you will have permission to retain such specimens as
will be of service to you. If my proposals are acceptable
please write to me soon.

Yours truly
Saml B. Buckley

P.S.

If you are acquainted with any Western or S. Western
Botanists please give me their names so that I may
call on them if in their vicinity. I am very much obliged to you
for Croom's catalogue

S. B. B.



Recd Oct. 20

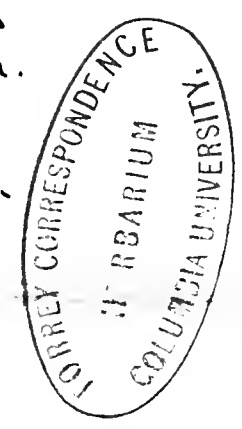
Acad. June 5th 1879 - sent list of all his doubtful plants except *Couper*.



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Desmod. 1. Canadense.
 8 panic. 2. *fulvifolium* J. n. sp.
 6 bis - under 3
 5 obtus. var
 6. *curledat.* var - on nest - no fr.
 14 *Dillenii* (Darlingt.)
 15 *panic.* var.
 "Strophostyles var" *Ph. helo.* var.
 "Amorpha pubescens" in
 Dalea *alopecuroides* Wats.
 "Vicia Amer. Blue Ridge" Lath. V. var
 Trif. No. 1. *reflexum*
 2 & 3 - *agrarium*
 Vicia No. 2. *Evum linsulium*
 1. *Vicia sativa*
 Amorpha *Canescens* - right
 Boralea *melilot.* - in P. florib. N. seed.
 ~ No. 1. *glauclatone*
 Malva *Strept.* leaves dis!
 "Mundia *Cubensis*" Amman. var.
 No. 7. *Ally. mod.* Ligust. actaeif?
 Linn No. 1. *Archem. rigida* - var.
 "Shekia *puber*" L. Clayton. var.
 "Mensch. *Lynce*" no fl. or fr. P. infl. lutea.
 39 (a 59) *Setid. reticulata* Wats.
 "Spiraea *Menziesii*" - Corymb. Raf.
 "Crotalaria No. 1. White Sulph. Spr."
 "Spiraea *spulifol.*"
 Stachys No. 1. - uncertain - seed.
 Syenanth *Loonensis* - Muticum.
 Monardella 1. *Broadcuriana* Benth.
 No. 3. *Dracocepha*.
 "Banks of streams" Trees & at river
 Ally. No.
 Xerophyll. *trax* - - *Setifol.* - var. n. sp.
 No. 2. Banks of stream - spike unexpanded
 - undet.

Crocollaria *majalis*!
 Smilax - *Lynchb. Virg.* var of *rotundif.*
 28 Mt. Vernon - *Verat. angustif.*
 Habenaria, No. 1. *virida* -
 No. 1. Shady places - banks
 of streams, & torrents -
 Blue ridge - *Convol. umbell.*
 Diarrhena *Americana* no. lab.
 Stipa No. 1. Arist. *tubercul.* n.
 Poa No. 2. *Panic. agrif.*
 { *Avena* - summit of North Mo. Va.
 - *capitata* flex.
 Triset. *peruviana* - *setos.*
patulifl. no label
 "Avena *capitata* - 44 -
 "Cahokia - Ill. July 1838" no label number
 Athens prof. on a plant
 Setaria *Priner* Ill - *glauca*
 Fest. No. 1. *mutans*, with some *ergoty*!
 Poa No. 3 - rather new to me -
 Aristida No. 1. *purpurascens* -
 2. *stricta* - I think -
 30 *Festuca nutans*
 Carlyle -
 19. *Vilfa claudectima* -
 Digitale No. 1. *filif.*
 20 *Trodon cuprea* -
 17 *Vilfa Vignefl.*
 Poa 1. *filora*.
 16 Banks of mts. above Albad
 2 leav. *filif.*



Carex 4 - *polytrich.*
 ~ 2. *viridens*.
 Cyperus 1.
 10- 2-3-4 - var of C. *repens* Ell.
 Carex No. 1. *El. palustris*
 2 var of the same
 Carex No. 5 - *pon.* - only one fruit!
 ~ 1. *scabrata*
 Cyp. 13 - *strigosus*
 Eleck. No 6. - *obtus*
 38 *Prunus*, *Carlyle* - *Vilf.* aff. *claud*
sericea *ovif.* - *Virg.*
 "No. 12. Banks of Guyadotte" *Trautv.* *palustris*
Canad. *palustris* *Michx.*
 Stell. 1. - *pubera* *Michx.* leaves large!
 "Silene *filif.*" - S. Pennsylv.
 "Seminole Creek" (no name)
 Stell. 2. *media* - overgrown -
 Cardam 2 *ludov.*
 ~ 1 *hirsuta* var *robundif.*
 Arab. No. 1. *Cardam. robustif.*
 "Arab. arab." *ramosif.* - Decr v.
 "axif. No. 1. heads of other - 1. *Concauthery*
 Ulmus No. 1. *no fl. or fr.* *Coryd. formosa* - *cordif.*
 No. 10. *Hammilt. olif.* *Vitis* 2. *indiana* - *cordif.*
 "Juniper. *subria*" *Thunberg.* 1. *aculeata*
 Hyperic. 1. *angulatum*!
 No. 9 *Rhiz. Va.* *Viola* 3-col. var. *americana*.
 No. 4. *Fungus* "White Sulphur" No. 1. *Canad.*

Recd. Oct 25th
and. 26th

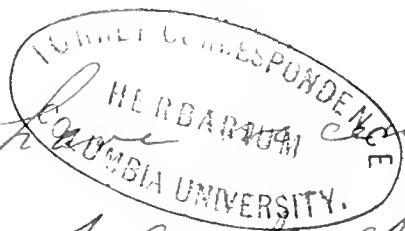
Blacks Bluff Ala. Oct 21 1839

Dear Sir

I have received your letter acknowledging the receipt of a small package of plants sent to you last June. I had previously received the letter which you sent to Indecumbia. The weather has been so dry in this section that the vegetation is nearly destroyed and the season for gathering plants is almost past. Owing to the low state of the Alabama river

I shall not be able to you a package of plants as soon as I intended - perhaps not till some time in November. To what commission merchant had I better direct them? Not having heard from Mr Carey I do not know whether they occupy their old place or not.

Of the *Justicia* which you think is probably new I have from one to two hundred specimens. It flowers from May till October. Should I send all my plants to you will you take care of them till I return North with the privilege of selecting from them such specimens as you desire. I find it very inconvenient to keep them with me



especially in moving from one section of the country
to the other. I shall not go North till a
year from this and perhaps not then. Owing
to the want of funds and the great expense
of travelling in this country I have not been
able to explore the mountains of North Car-
olina and Tennessee. I have been teaching this
season and could not devote that time to
botany which I wished.

I had become acquainted with many of
the mistakes which were made in naming
the small package sent you this summer
previous to the receipt of your letter such
as calling *Mistaria frutescens* a *Lupinus* &
Ludwigia pilosa a *Achillea*. In many others
that package was sent in great haste and put
up on the night preceding the departure of
the man by whom they were sent.

You ask me to get subscribers for the
American Flora, not having seen the work
or a Prospectus I am unable to do so.
I think I could get some few to take the
work had I a prospectus. At several in-
stitutions which I have visited they expressed

a desire to obtain it. I wish you ^{would} send me
a copy of it as far as published and the re-
mainder when published and I will remit
you the price of which I am ignorant. Will
current money of Alabama do? Direct to Blacks
Bluff Trilcox Co. Ala. ~~I think~~. I expect to remain
here till some time next December

Yours truly
Saml. B. Buckley



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Blacks Bluff Clav D.D.
October 1874

To Professor John Torrey
No. 30. Mc. Douglass St.
New York

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Recd. July 24th
Dear Sir

Allenton Wilcox Co. Fla. June 9. 1840

And. Sept 19th 1840.

LIBRARY
NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDEN.

Having a private opportunity I have sent you a small package of plants. I have sent you only those that are different from those sent last year. I have not labeled only such as I wish you to forward ~~me~~ the names. They were all gathered in this county and within a few miles of this place. I have a vacation of six weeks this summer and then I will devote most of my time to collecting. I have not yet received any recent numbers of the Flora. Are they published? I am very anxious to see them. How soon will the whole work be finished? How does the survey of the State progress? I believe you promised to reserve copies of the annual reports for me. I have a large collection of insects in a good state of preservation if they will be of any service to Dr. De Kay I will send them to him next fall. Among them are some that are common to New York while others are probably new. They are on pins in boxes.

I have not sent you any grasses comparatively because among ^{this seasons collection} ~~them~~ are many that I gathered last year & I have not time to select those that are

different. Do you intend to publish the
~~an~~ Compostee soon? I will ^{send} you a package
as soon after the botanical season closes
as possible and during vacation will
endeavor to get some subscribers for
the Flora always requiring pay in
advance and provided I get any
I will remit you the amount next
fall. I should like to have you write
soon. My vacation will commence the
last of July or the first of August
and I wish to get a letter from you previous
to that.

Yours sincerely

S. B. Buckley

and Oct. 27/15 Allenton Wilcox Co. Ga. Sep. 18 1841

My dear Sir

Your letter containing inquiries about a specimen of *Saxifraga* has been received. I think it must be a plant which I supposed to be a *Neuchera* or *Boykinia*. I think I labeled a specimen of that as collected in Dry pine woods and sent it to you. It was gathered ~~last~~ Aug. 1840 while travelling by stage from Florence Ga. to Columbus Mi. In going up a long hill on the South side of Big Bear Creek I gathered about a dozen specimens in a ravine near the road. The country is but thinly settled being mostly ~~a~~ poor piney woods. I sent specimens of it to several correspondents. Mr. Curtis says that it is a new species of *Boykinia*. This makes me confident that your *Saxifraga* and his *Boykinia* are the same. I have been thus particular in pointing out its locality so as to leave no doubt of its being a native species. Any botanist in travelling the stage road from F. to C. as stated above cannot fail if he look to find it since it does not grow 2 rods from the road. I am certain that I collected no *Saxifraga* from any Garden. I have collected a great many specimens of *Broomia* both in flower & fruit. I gathered ~~it~~ while in fruit & kept it in water in my room for several days - The fruit is dehiscent - valves commence opening ^{on} the dorsal suture & finally both sutures open curving up to the peduncle.

Leaving the seeds suspended from the summit
 of the cell seeds 2-4 generally 3. July 5. 1841
 These observations were made at that time
 & may be depended on as correct. Then I also
 gathered a good many seeds but unfortunately
 the mice came where I had left them to dry
 & eat them. I will send you some roots
 this fall. Its leaves continue green till
 December. It is by no means a rare plant
 in this neighborhood being much more abundant
 this year than last. Generally found in oak
 woods & rich soil
 I sent you a plant last year which you
 said was a new species of Melanthera
 On comparing it with the Melanthera hastata
 it does not seem to belong to the same genus
 Both plants grow in this country & certainly
 they have little resemblance in their inflorescence
 In your letter of March last you say that
 some additional numbers of the Flora will
 be published in May & that you will send
 them to me by mail. I have not read
 them and am very anxious to have them before
 leaving this place next December. I intend
 to spend the winter at the South & next
 summer in collecting. Had intended to
 explore the Mts of Carolina but Dr
 Gray has anticipated me. Where had
 I better go next summer to get the most
 new plants? Has the State of Miss. been much
 explored? Or Texas? Or the Mts of Tennessee?

No. 21 in the collection which I have sent you Dr. Gray says is a native of the mountains
 occurred in the swamps where there is a native of the mountains
 in the mountains where there is a native of the mountains

Dr. Spikens of Columbia Miss. has written to me lately concerning
 the flora of that State to send my receipt for \$15.00 by the
 balance due to Mr. G. if you would send me the 1st vol.

There is a small Desmodium frequent in
 the river alluvions of this country. It is
 erect & rarely a foot high. Leaves rather large
 for the size of the plant & rhomboid ovate-fruit
 triangular - flowers small, white. I cannot name
 it from your flora although I submitted you ~~was~~
~~the~~ ^{ready} two years ago. I think you must have sup-
 posed it to be a branch of a large species - if not
 to what species does it belong? I have found
 several species that were new to me this
 summer - but having spent most of the time
 in this country I cannot send you a great
 many species different from those already sent
 It has rained a great deal here for several
 weeks past causing the fall plants to
 flourish. The two preceding years were so dry
 that I gathered few plants in the fall & those
 were mostly specimens injured by the drouth
 with respect to the 3 boxes that Mr Carey
 has lately received I wish them to be kept
 till I get to N.Y. in a year from this. What
 has become of those boxes that Mr De Ruyter
 of Mercer St had for me? I will send you
 in N.Y. funds next December part to go towards
 paying for the flora & the rest to indemnify you
 for your trouble with my things. Be assured that I
 do not wish to trouble you without cheerfully paying
 you for that trouble. If more is required I will send
 more. I have directed my correspondents to send packages
 for me to your care because you once said that you
 would take care of them & I know of nobody else in the city who ^{would}

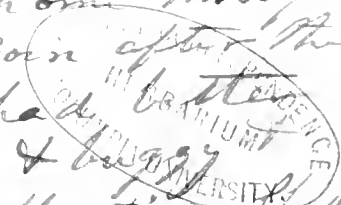
Accompanying this I send you a paper containing
an account of fossil bones of the great Laurian BPs—
Dinosaurus. I think I can yet find the head belonging
to that skeleton. I only stopped searching for want of
time. If I can find the head I want to exhibit
it in N. Y. so as indemnify me for expenses & then
present it to the N. Y. Lyceum. The bones obtained would
be a great acquisition to the Lyceum of which I hope some
day to become worthy of being a member

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attention also
19 Sept

Prof. J. Torrey
No. 30. Mc. Douglass St
New York

I wish Dr Gray would send me his published account
of his excursion to S. Carolina. It would be of great service
to me next summer because I may return home through
that State. I wish you would write to me soon after the
receipt of this & advise me what course I had
to take next summer. I shall take a horse & buggy
devote myself entirely to the business of collecting. I shall
leave here in December, after which you need not direct any
things for me to this office. I hope to hear from you soon
& to receive by mail the 2^d vol. of the Flora. Yours truly S. B. Buckley



Recd March ... 1842 Clark Co. Ala. Feb. 7 / 1842

Dear Sir

I have sent a ^{box} of plants directed to you containing also packages for Drs. Barnett & Sartwell & Rev. M. C. Curtis to whom you will please forward them or let them know of their arrival in N. York. Having spent the last summer in the same place as the preceding one I have obtained little that I have not previously sent you. That labelled as a new species of *Taurus* is *Hesperia tinctoria*. I have forwarded two boxes for myself to Carey & Co. I wish either you or they to keep them for me till I return to N. Y. sometime during this year. About the middle of last month I visited Dr. Carpenter of La. Did not obtain as many plants from him as I expected. He is about to publish a catalogue of the plants of La. Saw Dr. Riddell at New Orleans and exchanged plants with him.

I am now engaged in getting large fossil bones. I have obtained part of a head of Owens *Zygodon* & about 60 feet in length of another skeleton. So that I now have a large portion of two animals. I do not know as yet what I shall do with them. I have some idea of exhibiting them provided I obtain a few more ^{bones} to make the skeleton more perfect. If not I shall forward them to N. York and go to collecting plants in N. Carolina & Tennessee. I have not received Gray's notice of his Tour last summer through the Mts of Car. nor the Flora. I did not care so much about the Flora, but being about to visit the Mts of N. Carolina I am very anxious to

See Gray's paper, and am sorry that he did not
think it worth while to send me one. I shall
remain in this vicinity some two or three weeks
and then either to ^{by for plants} Tenn, or Mobile with bones
Yours

S. B. Buckley



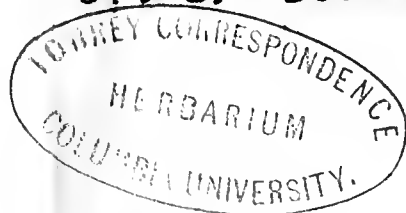
Asheville N. C. Aug. 8. 1842

My Dear Sir

I expect to leave the mountains of this State about the first of Sep. Expect to pass through Princeton about the last week of that month. Shall bring a package of plants to you. I find so many good things in these mountains that I cannot think of leaving them until pretty thoroughly explored. I expect Michaux found the *Shorea* on the Black Mountain. I have ascertained through an old man the parts of that Mt. that he visited and shall try and find it at that place. I have not time to tell you where I have been or what collected but you can learn & see if you will only be home the third or last week in Sep. or in N. Y. at that time

Yours

S. B. Buckley



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And. Apr. 9th New York 69. Beekman St. 6 April 1843

Dear Sir

I have just ~~been~~ received a visit from Mr. Goldie an English or Scotch botanist who showed a letter from you to some gentleman in this city. He is desirous of visiting Florida with me. What do you think of it? I told him I would write to you immediately & ~~would~~ would ask your advice on the subject. The only objections that I can have are that it might interfere with the sale of my collections abroad as he also wishes to dispose of his in Europe. & again I should not receive as much credit for making discoveries. It would also prevent me from making Dr. Brub's my head quarters as you suggested hence it would cost me much more. On the other hand the advantage of a companion would be great in making distant excursions - because we could encamp & shoot our own provisions & thus explore the territory more thoroughly than I could alone. I also told him that if he goes with me



That it must be distinctly understood that
the plants must be named in this country
previous to sending them to Europe to which
he assented. I want to start about the
first of May. I cannot get ready sooner
nor do I think a vessel sails for Palatka
till about that time. I wish you
to write to Dr. Broush on the subject &
also give me a letter of introduction to
him. If I go alone I intend if you will
permit & I discover any thing new to describe
it in partnership with you. I wish you would
answer this immediately & inform me what
you think best in regard to accepting the
proposal of Mr. Goldie. Mr. Goldie is anxious
to have the matter settled & said he would
call on me again next Saturday evening to
ascertain what your advice is.

Yesterday I rec^d a present of Michaux's
Flora - (a fine copy) from Dr. Barratt & some other
things - but no plants. - however I have great
reason to thank him for his kindness & shall
give him a set of Mt. Plants. Dr. Kniskern
has been in town during the last few days & has

selected a large package from my duplicates
He bought me a few N. Jersey & Essex Mt. plants

I have recd a letter from Mr. Freeman a
member of the Boston Nat History Society inquiring
the lowest I would take for ~~the~~ Yegordon as that
Society might purchase it. Professor Lillman &
Gray had suggested the matter to the Society. I ask
\$500. Is that too much? I must dispose of it
in some ^{way} previous to starting for Florida & if no
one will buy it in this country I will send it
to London as you once suggested. I have recd
a letter from Dr. Gray who says he will allow
a reasonable compensation for all that I may
collect for the botanic garden. I did not receive
your letter in time to ship my plants on the
last London packet but they will go in ^{the} packet
which sails next Monday (the Toronto) If you
are willing I will request Mr. Pamplin to remit
the proceeds to you & you can forward them to
me because I am not certain where I shall be
& my friends live in the interior of this State so
that there might be some risk in having it sent
to them. I send out 10,000 specimens & have fixed
the price at \$3.00 the hundred for the whole having placed
the Alabama & Carolina ~~plants~~ ^{in the same} packages



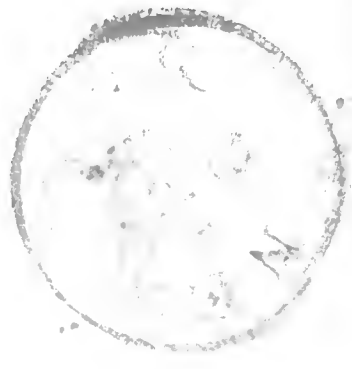
Yours truly

W B Buckley

Professor J. Torrey

Princeton

New Jersey



New York April 25 1843

Dear Sir

I expect to sail for St. Augustine
in Florida sometime during the second week
of May. Mr. Goldie son of the Scotch bot-
anist who visited this country many years
will accompany me. He has agreed that the
plants collected shall not be sent of the
country until they have been submitted to
your inspection. He is more of a Florist
than Botanist & goes out under the patronage
of several Florists of this city. I think
we shall be there early enough to
collect most of the Spring's vegetation as
the Spring is very backward & besides
were we there now we could not travel
much as a large portion of the country
is under water from the heavy rains. Dr.
Brush wrote to his son in this city. I wish
you would send me a letter of introduction
to Dr. Brush who may afford us some ad-
sistance in giving directions how best to ex-
plore the interior. We shall endeavor to travel

over as much ground as possible & go prepared
to encamp

I shall leave the city tomorrow for Albany
& attend the meeting of the American
Geological Association. I have sent up
two boxes of my fossil bones to exhibit
& shall try to dispose of the skeleton to
the State Museum at some rate even if I
do not get more than sufficient to
pay for my trouble & expenses for I am
heartily tired of the Iggodon. Mr Redfield
takes the boxes free of charge & has prom-
ised to use his influence to secure them
a permanent residence in State Museum. I
have rec'd several letters from Mr. Weyner
of Boston proposing to purchase it for the
Boston Nat. Hist. Society but finally they
declined the purchase as they have not a
suitable place to display them. Prof. Silliman
has also written to me on the subject. He is
anxious that they should remain in the
country - however if they will not buy them

at Albany Fulliman advises me to write a letter to Owen of London & he will send it to him in the Steam Ship Britannia

I have sent a box of plants to Mr. Pamphlin of London containing about 10000 specimens & directed him after deducting his charges to remit the proceeds to you

I forgot to mention to you about My Chemical lecture ticket which I shall have to defer the payment of until you receive money from Mr Pamphlin or till I return from Florida because I want to go prepared to pay all expenses I can't depend on the hospitality of

any person I got Fell you told me on our way from Princeton to N. Y. that if I would come to the city to spend the winter that you would present me with your Chemical ticket & that made me more easy in not offering to pay you however I intend I insist that it shall all be paid & you will do me a great favour by not mentioning the subject until you receive your pay with interest from the time it was due. Please direct your next letter ~~simply~~ to New York & I will call for it at the office in about two weeks

Yours
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Prof. John Torrey

Princeton

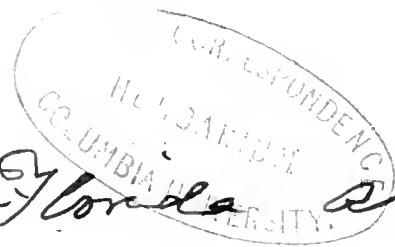
New Jersey



Recd. Aug. 7th Palatka 2. Florida July 2d 1843

My Dear Sir.

I arrived in Florida about the first of June having taken a packet at N. Y. for Charleston & then Steam boat for Savannah & again Steam Boat to this place from whence I proceeded immediately up the ~~same~~ river in a row boat as far as Lake Monroe. I was fortunate in meeting with that opportunity since communication with that region is rare at ~~that~~ ^{this} season of the year. At Lake Monroe is a small settlement under the supervision of Maj Taylor from whom I received kind treatment. From this place went with a party in boats up to Lake Hervey visiting Lake Jessup on the route. On our return crossed Lake Monroe & walked 23 miles into the interior to Fort Gartin or rather where the Fort was. In these several excursions I met with many very many strange plants but I labored under great disadvantage for the want of paper as the men who rowed me up from Palatka refused to take more than ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{to me} ~~one~~ ^{new} ~~one~~ & at almost every step I met with ~~strange~~ plants. During these excursions I underwent much fatigue from sleeping or rather attempting



to sleep in the open air when I was attacked
by unfriendly insects and rascally mosquitoes
Under such circumstances I have passed many
a sleepless night gazing at stars fighting
mosquitoes & wishing for daylight In My
excursion to Fort Gattin My boots from frequent
wittings became dry & hard & hurt my feet
so that I was obliged to pull them off & go with the top
& finally I walked 18 miles barefoot through
scorching sands loaded with specimens. Nearly
exhausted reached Fort Mellon on Lake Munro
& crossed the lake to Maj Taylor's where I set
up nearly all night arranging specimens & next
day started in a row boat for this place
with 4 others. In an evil hour I consented
to row or take my turn at the oar. My turn
came about 1 P.M. when the ^{sun} ~~sun~~ was ~~so~~
scorching so that it blistered my back through
my shirt & thus I rowed 12 miles. Well we con-
tinued on all night to avoid the mosquitoes
& next night reached Drayton island in
Lake George where one Hamilton resides for-
merly a florist or gardener in the Royal garden
at Kew, England ~~the resident~~ He has also been
intremploy of Herbarium N. Y. he appeared to have
considerable botanical knowledge of that neighborhood
& showed me some new plants. Here we slept on
the floor with a blanket apiece. Next morning
continued on for Palatka when it began raining

I rained all day. About 10 AM, I felt feverish
my tongue was parched & skin hot - refused to
take my turn at the oar & maintained my station
at the helm. About dusk reached Palatka
& staggered up to the public house wet & cold
called for a room with fire - found that my
oil cloth bag leaked & that my papers &
specimens were all wet. Spread them on the
floor & went to bed with a fever. Next day
although oppressed with a severe head ache &
some fever I tried to arrange my damaged plants
& the next ^{day} I was obliged to do so. I took medicine
for 3 or 4 days I had a horrible burning fever
took 20 grains Quinine at a dose & still
the fever came. Next day took 20 grains
more & the fever was broken & now I am able
to herbivize during the cool of the day &.
I could but have my health I would
show you many more ~~the~~ plants than I
can hope to obtain under the present circum-
stances. Because the country is full of things
that are strange to me but now I dare
not venture out during the middle of the day
consequently my excursions are very limited Goldie
did not accompany me because his funds would
not advance the necessary funds. If I had a
companion I could accomplish much more
I have not heard from Dr. Gray who promised to
furnish some directions about collecting seeds now do

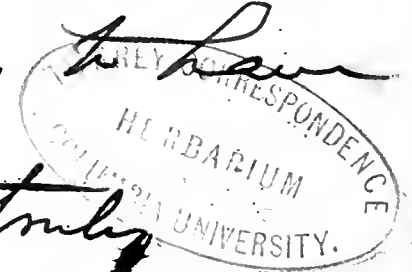
I know whether Silliman has published my article on the Mts. of N. C. I have found the *Melva Lecontei* growing in the interior. It was in fruit. I believe that I have already obtained more new things than I did last summer

Prof. John Torrey
Princeton
New Jersey

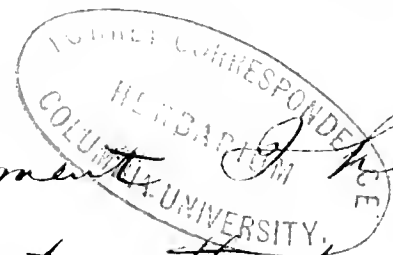


Dr. Brush boards at a public house in this place. I am writing at his table & he is reclining on a bed in the room. He sends his kind regards to you & would be happy to have you visit him at Palatka

Yours truly
S. Sprickley



Nov. 6. 1843



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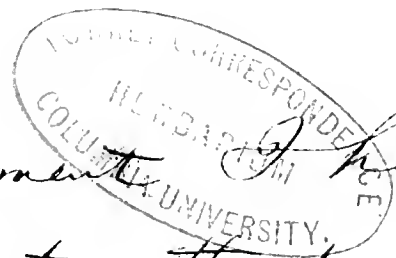
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West Sweden Nov. 6. 1843

My Dear Sir

Owing to arrangements I have made with my father I cannot attend medical lectures this winter. Duty to an aged father whose other children are absent from home compels me to stay here. However if you know of any way by which I can make \$500 or \$600 as a collector of plants to next summer I think I can engage in the business. Dr. Brush told me if I would go to Florida & accompany him you through the Territory he would bear all the expenses. This son is now attending lectures with you & you can ascertain from him whether he would go or not whether his father has removed his family to Florida I have given up the idea of studying medicine because owing to an increase of my fortune with prudent management a profession will be unnecessary. Have you heard from the plants which I sent out to London? I am anxious to get returns from them & would prefer to have them sold very low that the remittance may be speedy. If you will hasten the matter



you will confer a great favor. & as soon as
you receive any returns please direct them
to me at this place. Have you examined
the plants collected by me in Florida &
are there any undescribed species among
them? You agreed to describe all that
were new to you & undescribed in partnership
with me. Would it be so much to ask
you to write out & publish descriptions of such
either in due course of the publication of
the Flora or in Willimans Journal? How
did Dr. Gray succeed in his excursion
after seeds & roots last fall & what parts
did he visit? The collection which I
made in Florida is so limited & the
specimens rather badly preserved that I
have not made out sets for sale but
am ready to exchange them for the
rarer productions of our own country. Please
answer this soon

Yours truly

Saml B. Buckley



March 12th 1844 West Jordan N.Y

My dear Sir

I have not rec^d any communication from you since I returned home although I have written you a letter. I have been confined most of the winter with a fever the seeds of which were sown last summer in Florida It has wound off with the ligue & fever but I have not had a chill for the last four days & I am in hopes it will

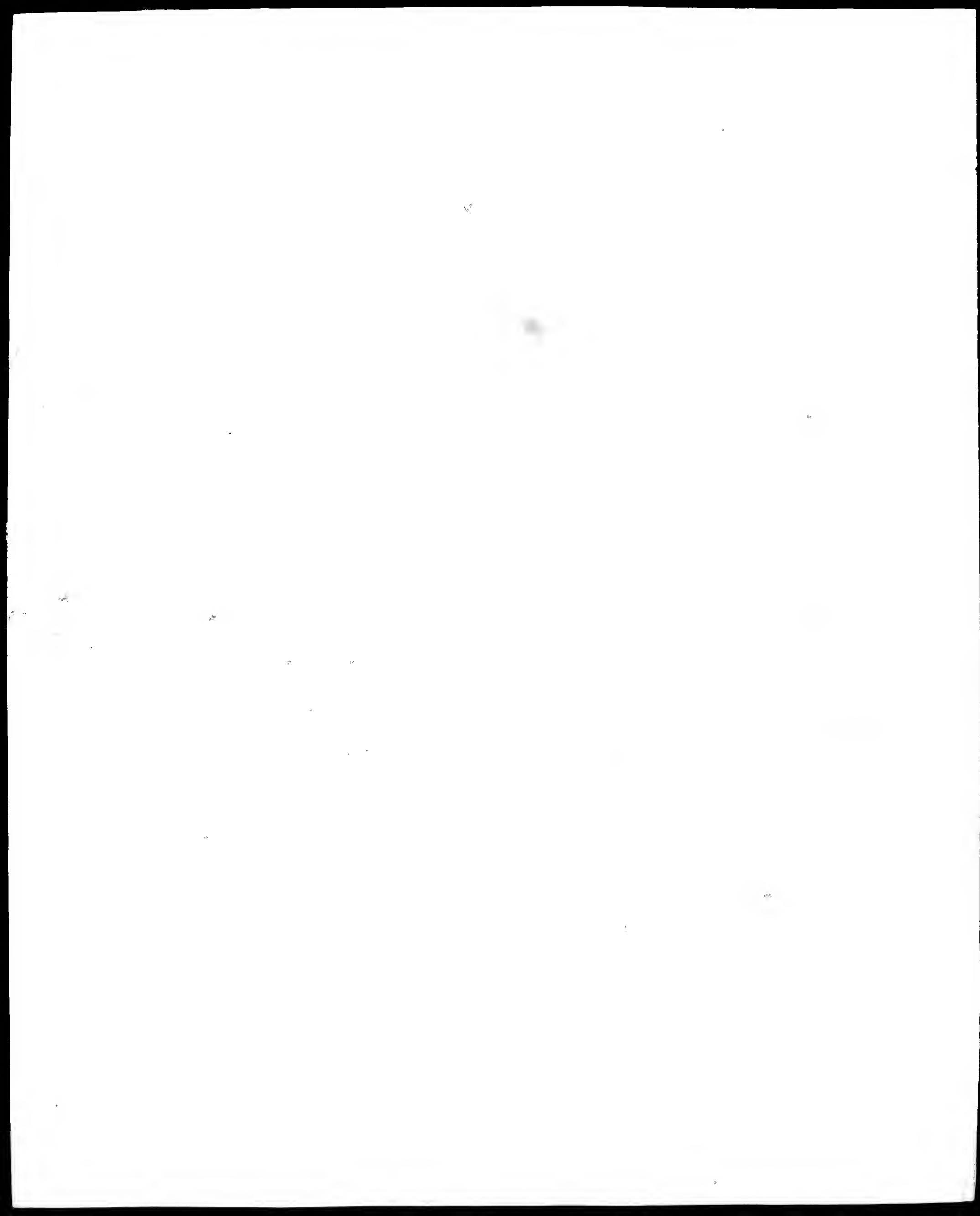
not return. Have you heard any thing of the plants which I sent to London? I am anxious to get returns as I need the ~~and~~ the money very much. I shall not be able nor do I wish to visit Florida again especially in the summer season nor would I advise any of my friends to visit the interior in the present state of the country. How does the Flora progress?

As I am very weak you must excuse my writing any more & please answer this immediately as I am desirous of knowing about the plants sent to Europe

Yours sincerely

Saml B. Buckley





West Dresden Gates Co. N. Y. March 19. 1847

My Dear Sir

In studying the grasses in my herbarium I cannot satisfactorily determine the true *Poa pungens*. I have specimens labelled *Poa pungens* which I rec^d from Dr. Sartwell which are scarcely distinct from your *P. debilis* specimens of which I have collected by Dr. Kniskern near Watertown in this State. Dr. Sartwell says he never sent any other *P. pungens* to you nor has he any other grass which may be called *P. pungens* in his herbarium & in your State Flora vol. 2. Did you have given him credit for finding *P. pungens* in the Western part of the State

Now will ^{you} be so good as to send me what you consider to be *P. pungens* you can send a specimen in a letter or at least part of one so that I can identify it I should like to receive it soon By sending it you will confer a great favor on an old friend How soon will another number of the North American Flora be published?

I have an excellent microscope imported from Paris by which I can see animalcules in water & I have also made large additions to my botanical library through Pamphlin of London I am now studying plants in my herbarium & intend to sell forth again to make collections in the course of a year or two

Yours truly
S. B. Buckley

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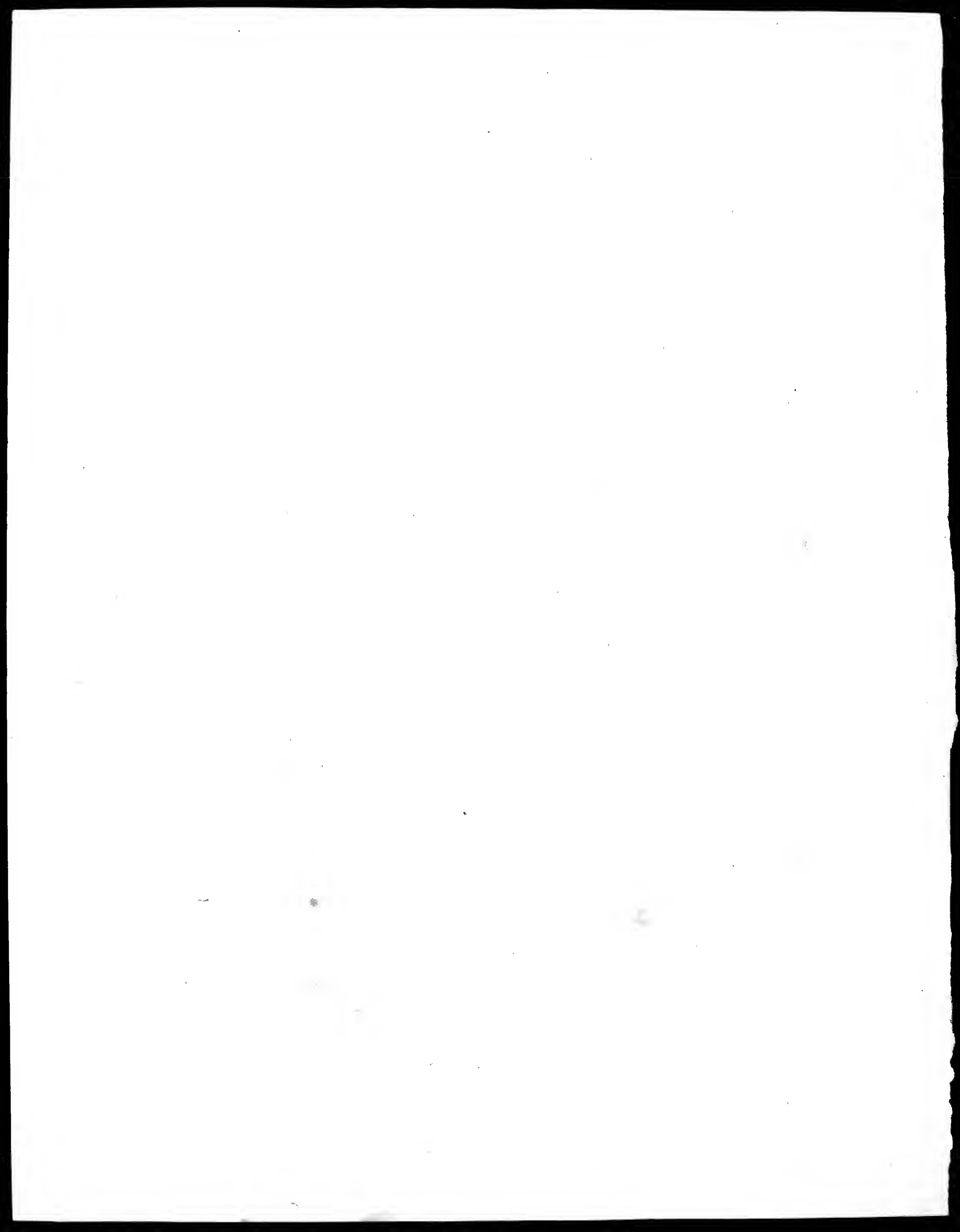
West Drover Yates Co. N. Y. Dec. 16 1848

Dear Sir

I intend to start for California in 3 or 4 weeks I have thought that through some of your friends at Washington you might get an appointment from the Government for me My knowledge of Mineralogy & Surveying would enable me to discharge the duties of such an office In short it is just such knowledge as they require to explore the mineral region & while thus engaged I could gather 3 or 4 sets of plants If you will intercede & obtain an appointment for me I will give you a set of the plants obtained Let me hear from you immediately I have written a shorter letter to Dr. Gray



[From L. B. Buckley.]



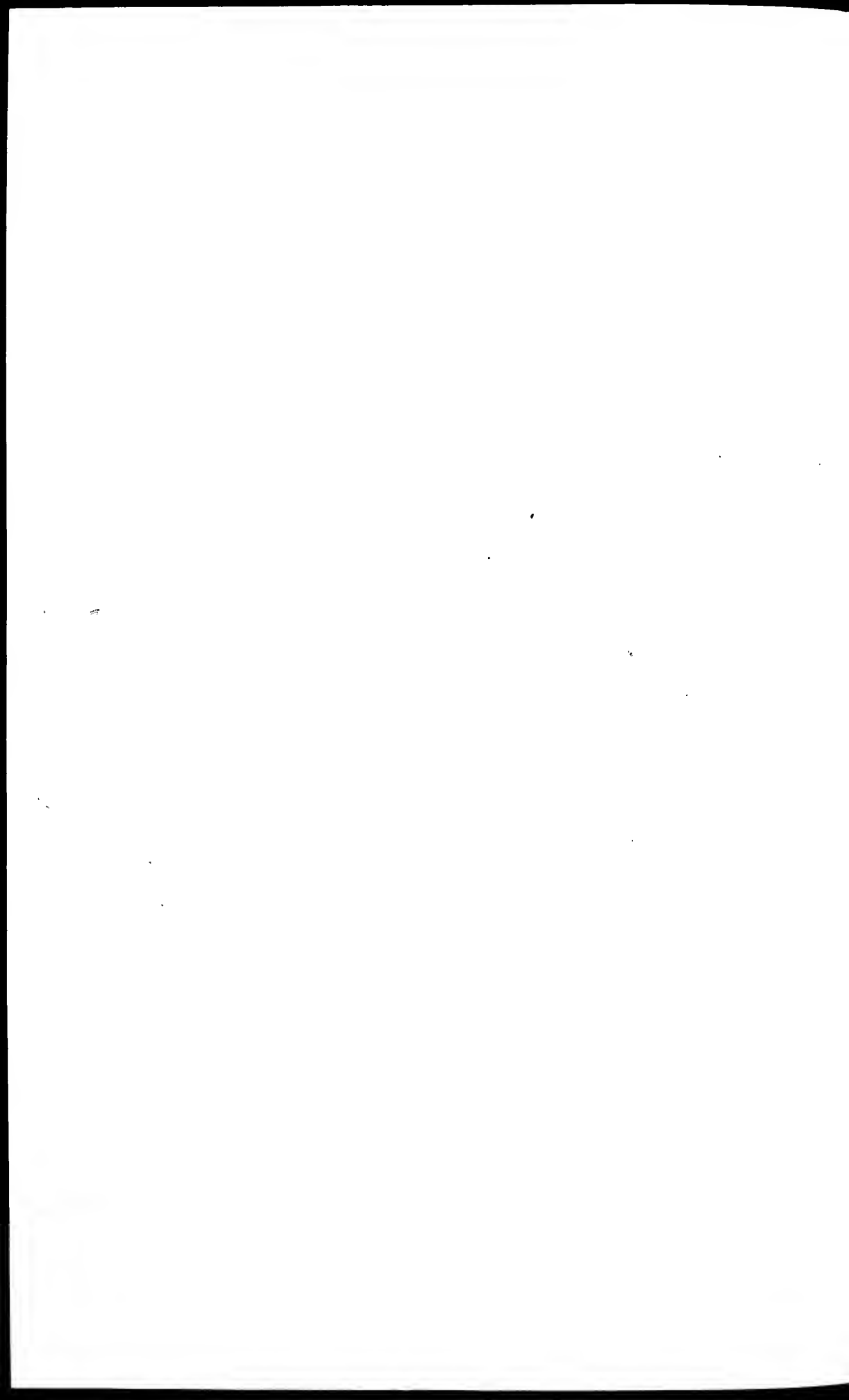
Wilmington N.C. Feb. 17/59

Dear Prof. Torrey

I have written to publishers of the Sylva in relation to offer of drawings of trees but have not received any answer but as they have given me charge over that part of the work I have no hesitation in saying that we will accept of your offer. Drawings of all our indigenous trees not figured by Michaux & Nuttall will be acceptable. I have been very successful in the sale of the Sylva yesterday, I made over sixty dollars

This is a nice & turpentine port-
nice plantation extended up &
down the Cape Fear river. The
shelves are covered with barrels of
rosin & pitch. It is warm spring
like weather. My window is open





I was comfortable without fire
A day or two ago I saw for the
first live specimens of the Dionea
I was struck with its apparent
insubility. This is a rich botanical
region but it has pretty thoroughly
explored by Curtis, whom I saw
a few days ago at Hillsboro. His
house is as usual devoted to
the Fungi. I expect to leave here
soon for South Carolina & intend
to visit Florida before returning
North

Yours very truly

S. B. Buckley

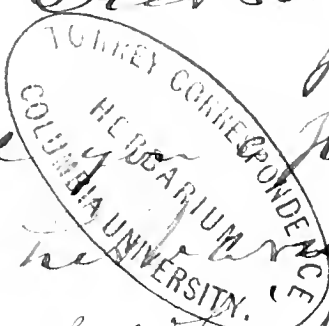




Austin Texas June 26/83

Benjamin Braman Esq
Cor. Secy. Turkey Club.

Dear Sir

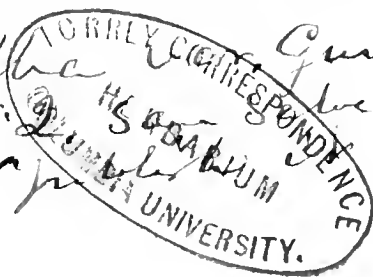
This mail I send  By ^{By} package
of plants for the herbarium
of the Club, some of which I
think to be undescribed. The
descriptions of which are enclosed.
If on examination they prove
to be new, please publish the
descriptions in the Proceedings of
the Club. I rather think *Laurus*
Mohriana is one of the many
forms referred to *L. undulata*
yet it does not seem to be ^{any} one
of those described in the Boty
of the Wheeler Survey or of the
Mexican Boundary. You have
books & specimens for comparison
I can decide better than I. Of
course I do not wish to describe

what has been described & ^{but I} wish
to have the note on *Q. San Sabae*
published. I think here is where
Quercus alba var. *Gunnisonii*
Torr. should be placed. The descrip-
tions of it in Coulter & Porter's
synopsis of the Flora of Colorado
& also in Watson's Botany of
the 40th Parallel agree
very well with var. *Durandii*
var. *San Sabae*. You can decide
by referring to the specimens
in the Torrey herbarium

If any thing I said is worth
publishing, I hope you will have
it done at least by the first of
next September

Yours very truly
S. B. Buckley

If you find *Q. alba* var. *Gunnisonii*
Torr. to be a form of *Q. alba*
or *Durandii*, please



Clinton July 23/83

Mr. B. S. Parnum

Dear Sir

I am
very sorry that you did not
receive my letter containing
descriptions of such plants as
I supposed might be new
But you have the specimens
I wish the herbarium books
of the Fony Club you can decide
better than I. Those which I
think to be new are the
Wan Thoyghu, *Quercus baseyana*
& *Moriana*, *Bumelia monticola*
& *Tragacantha* others
have been recognized as good
species by the leading botanists
of the country. It which I
thought might be acceptable
to your herbarium
Quercus Durandii var *da*



Saba I think may be
2. Luba var. *junioris* Torr.
This you can decide by
referring to the *Tory herbarii*

If one or more of any
or all of the ⁵ species I have
named prove to be new,
please let me know and
I will send you their descrip-
tions for publication in the
Bulletin of the T. Club.

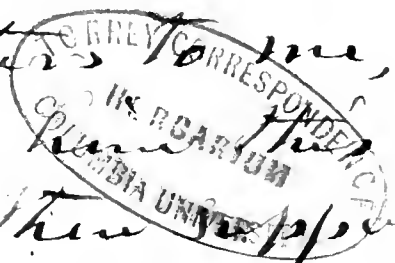
Yours very truly
S. B. Buckler



P. S. July 24

I do not think that Eng-
elmans publications on the
oaks are of much value
Quercus Durandii which was
described many years ago he
has placed as a variety of *Q.*
stellata. The two oaks have very
little in common. See wood spe-
cimens & herbarium specimens
in the Jessup collection at the
American Museum Central Park
Again *Quercus San Sabae* he
said was a var. of *Q. undulata*
but *Q. San Sabae* is certainly
a well marked variety of
Q. Durandii

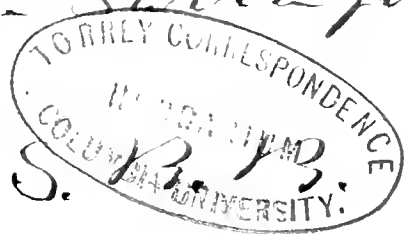
Again in the *Plantae Texanae*
of Elmer Hall (plants determined
by Engelmans) he calls my *Quercus*
rubra var. *Texana* *Q. palustris*
& another form of the same oak
Q. "Phello-palustris". I know this
from Hall's letters to me, I
having shown him this oak
near Austin then supposing
it to be a distinct species while



I had doubted as I. Torrey

Now Engelmann admits
that the ~~at~~ preceding names
as given by him were mis-
takes. May he not have
made others? I think he
~~has~~ has I refer you to one
example that of *Quercus im-*
dulata & its varieties as given
in the Botany of the Wheeler
Survey & elsewhere

I sent you specimens of
Quercus Durandii & some forms
of it like those of *Q. Sanseba*
for ^{your} comparison with those
Q. alba, var. *Gunnisonii* in the
Torrey herbarium. From Watson's
description of it in the Botany
of 40th Parallel I think
it may be the *Sanseba* form
of our st Texas oak



Austin Texas Aug 7/83

Mr. W. L. Britton

Dear Sir



Mr. Britton informs me that he has received the package of plants and now that you have read the descriptions of those which I suppose to be new with the aid of your herbarium and library you can soon decide the matter. If any or all of them be new please publish the descriptions as soon as convenient in the Bulletin.

The oaks seem to me to be different from any described by Torr in the Mexican Botany or by Engelm in the Wheeler Survey & the trees of the Pacific Slope are all said to differ from those east of the Rockies.

There are two known *Bumelia's*
in Texas the *Tamugnesa* & *Connecta*
from both of which mine are
different. I know them to be
distinct from those east of the
Mississippi as described by Chapman
& others & also from my own
explorations in that region.

There are no known *Bumelia's*
west of Texas in the United States
hence I feel confident my
species but you are new ones
some of them have recently
been described.

Yours truly
S. B. Buckley



Austin Texas Aug. 22/83

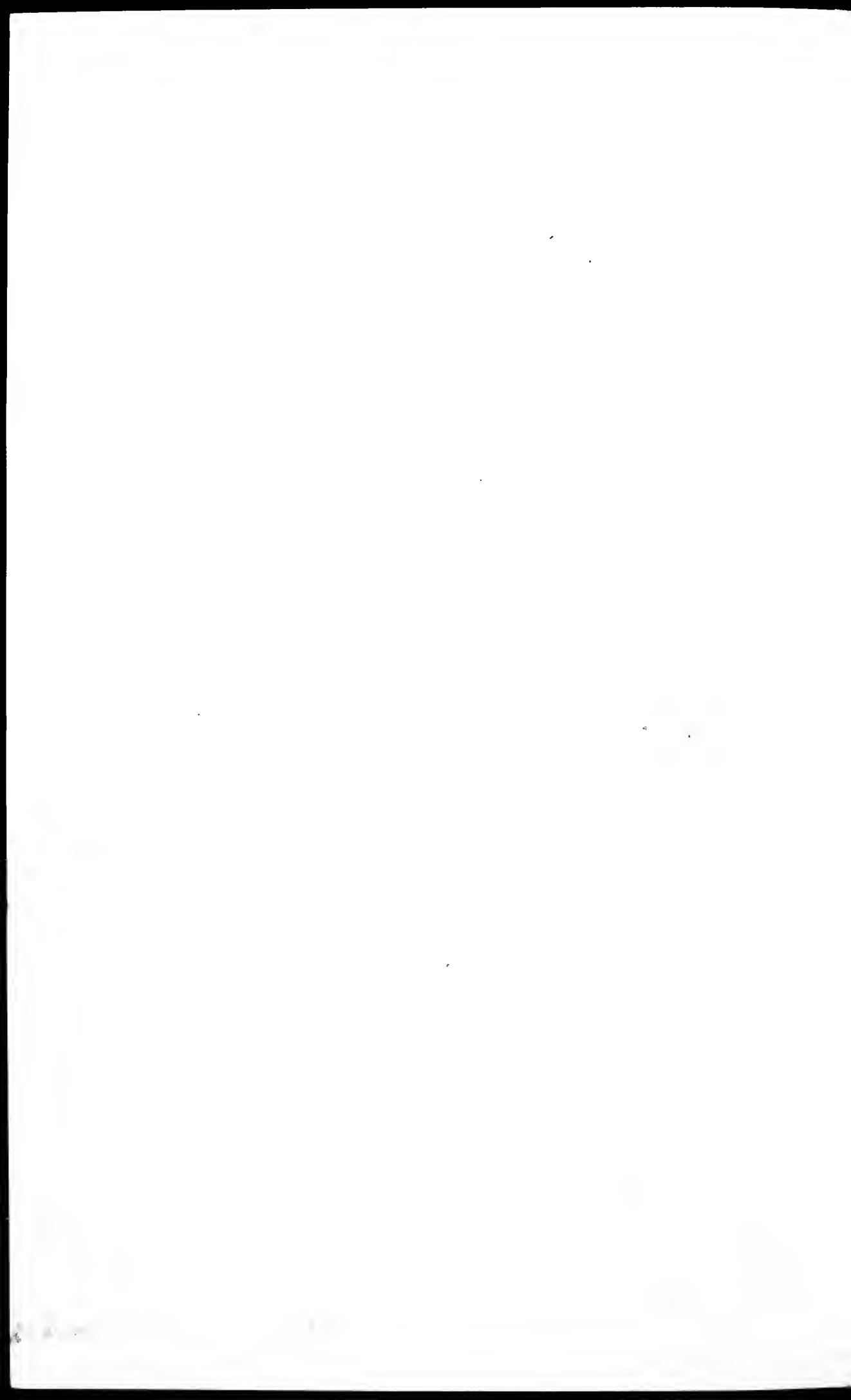
Mr. W. L. Britton

Dear Sir

Yours
of the 13th inst recd I am glad
that you think that most of
my proposed new species are
good & I hope that you will
soon publish the descriptions in
the Bulletin

As to *Quercus Mohrsona* I thought
it might prove to be a form of
Q. undulata & of course I do not
wish to have it published or alluded
to. If *Q. undulata* has ^{been found} by
others as far east as the valley of
Devils river in Texas it may
be well ^{for you} to make a note of it
in the Bulletin. Of my article I
wish to have 12 or 20 extra
copies for which I am willing to
pay if required

Your note on *Pinus Banksii*



in the July no. of the Bulletin
is interesting, I think you
are the first botanist who
has seen such large trees of
it. I saw small trees of it
on the Niagara river below
Buffalo & again in Minneso-
ta.

Yours very truly
S. B. Buckley

