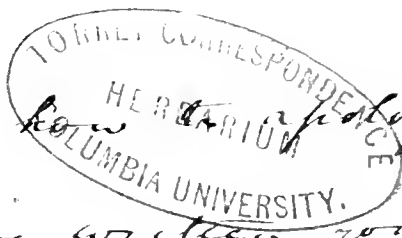


Charleston 21. Nov. 1878.

My dear Sir

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I scarcely know how to apologize for my long silence, because I might have written you a note when you should not write a letter, but by waiting until I should write you fully I postponed and protracted a duty which and which am obliged to do what I might have done some months ago.

Early in January last I was attacked by a Rheumatic affection of the head so severe that for months I was incapable of attending to any thing I could not even sign my name without suffering. With the return of summer my indisposition abated. But excepting a fortnight in July when I prepared for the press the sixth number of my sketch my letters to you in January were the last literary specimens I have made. In the commencement of August when I was expecting and preparing to resume my usual habits circumstances occurred which determined me to visit our western country and I have just returned from an excursion over a part of the Alabama Territory. I made this expedition so unexpectedly to myself that I had only time to arrange such business as was absolutely necessary. and I have returned merely to visit my family and business for a moment. In two days I expect

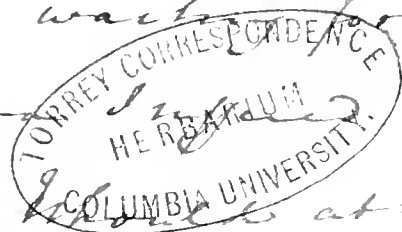
to leave this for Columbia to attend the Session of our Legislature, and from thence it is uncertain whether I may not return immediately to the Alabama. I have not had time since my return to visit my herbarium and books which are on a small farm I own about two miles from the city and therefore cannot reply as I wish to many of your enquiries -

If I ~~return~~^{visit} the Alabama which is yet uncertain, I shall probably remain there six or eight months and if my health should be restored I expect on my return to have more leisure than I have enjoyed for many years past, as I shall resign my public employments and devote the remainder of my life perhaps entirely to literary pursuits. However from a shattered constitution little can be expected and even that little I may be unable to perform.

Excuse these personal details which I have only given to show why I have been and why I may be irregular in my correspondence. I can only assure you that although I am much pressed for plants by many correspondents the first package I put up shall be for you. In my journey to the Alabama I discovered

a few new plants, but not as many as I expected. Nothing to compare with the discoveries of our friend Rafinesque from whom those just heard. What are we to think of him. Can his new species and genera be relied on or does he forget to ascertain the discoveries of his predecessors.

The package you had the goodness to send me by Mr. Rowan I received. But while I was waiting for health to compare your specimens with my own I ~~was~~ ^{was} a. I hinted before the time to escape in which ~~it~~ ^{it} at least have acknowledged their arrival. I have now also to acknowledge the receipt of your friendly letters of the 19. & 27 Sept. and of the box of minerals and plants which accompanied the last by the *Arctura*. Do accept my best thanks for these recollections of me which I have not merited. I let me beg you to continue your correspondence. An ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ package of plants contains many rare sp. ~~of~~ ^{of} which were wanting in my Herbarium and your minerals were very acceptable. I shall look forward with much interest to those you promise to send me and to the foreign plants of which you can spare duplicates. My situation in this city is not favorable to the increase of my Herbarium as few literary Foreigners visit us. and I find European correspondences not easily maintained. From some to whom I have written I have now heard and with others I only interchange a letter in two years. I would be much



Obliged to you where minerals are easily accessible if you would
send me 3 or 4 specimens of such as are rare I have one or
two European correspondents to whom I would be glad to for-
ward a few specimens of our minerals and ~~and~~ the low country
of Carolina affords nothing. Now interior ^{country} mineralogy is
an unknown science and from it nothing can be obtained -

paid.

Dr John Torrey
New York.

to
Hepburn Elliott
Nov. 21. 1818.

Your Ammannia I think is certainly not the ~~hyacinth~~ ^{hyacinth} and if
it differs sufficiently from the A. ramosior, which it most resem-
bles it will form ~~constitute~~ a new species. I write however without
Books or specimens - accept my best wishes and assurances of
my regard and Esteem. S. Elliott



My Dear Sir



I duly received and have to thank you sincerely for your favors of the 20th June & 13 July. It was a great gratification to me to hear from you after a long silence, and business had caused me also to be inattentive.

I am glad you received the plants I put up for you in the winter. I got a friend to forward them who took I believe some pains to send them carefully but by neglecting to write at the same time by mail. I knew their safe arrival would be very doubtful.

For your Catalogue of New York plants I have to return you my best thanks. It will certainly be a very useful Book to our Botanists in general. It discovers great industry, great care in the arrangement of the Synonymes, and as far I can determine great correctness. A few of them shall be the subject of some future enquiries. At present I have not my Herbarium nor my Books in Charleston with me - They are at a small farm in the country.

I shall regret if you divert your attention from Botany, although I shall not be surprised at it. To say the truth if nature had placed me in a country abounding in Minerals I believe they would have constituted my great amusement. I feel now so much attached to them that it will afford me great pleasure to receive and add to my small collection any duplicates of our Minerals which you can spare. If I could be permitted to mention any besides those which you have kindly promised me would name the rose coloured Fournalines, the emerald and lepidolite of Chesterfield (Mass:) and the various coloured Cocco-lites of Lake Champlain.

But every day appears to be bringing to light new forms and modifications in the mineral kingdom - and when we shall pop up in every part of our country men conversant with minerals, and particularly when we shall begin in earnest to excavate or penetrate into the crust of the earth, ~~for~~ I have no doubt that we shall find the mineral treasures of the United States abundant and interesting - I have endeavoured for many years to obtain mineral specimens from the interior of this State but without success. I have frequently obtained rare and fine specimens of plants from persons who were totally unacquainted with Botany but have never been able to obtain rare minerals from any one who was ignorant of mineralogy - To such Quartz and Sulphuret of Iron form always the rich treasures of nature.

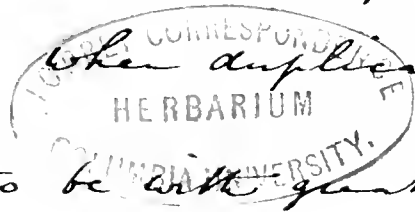
I have no recollection of having received a diploma from the Lyceum of Natural History of New York. I believe it was merely mentioned to me a letter from a correspondent probably yourself that had been elected a member.

As it will be scarcely possible for me now to make out an exact catalogue of the plants you have sent me I have taken the liberty of adding on the next page a list of those plants mentioned in your catalogue which I would be glad to receive. I will at a future day enlarge this list for there are yet many common northern plants which are wanting in my herbarium or which I would be glad to compare with our Southern plants that bear the same name. Plants from our western countries or from the old world I shall always be glad to receive when duplicates fall into your hands.

Believe me to be with great esteem

Your friend

Stephen Elliott



- *Callitriche autumnalis*
- ——— *terrestris*
- *Utricularia macrospora*
- ——— *striata*
- *Trifolium discolor*
- ——— *coarctatum*
- *Schoenus betaceus*
- *Scirpus tenuis*
- *Eriophorum polystachyon*
- *Cenchrus echinatus*
- *Trichodium scabrum*
- *Milium amphicarpon*
- *Agrostis stricta*
- ——— *compressa*
- ——— *involuta*
- *Aira melicoides*
- *Poa trivialis*
- ——— *palustris*
- *WindSORIA pallida*
- *Briza canadensis*
- *Bromus mollis*
- ——— *pubescens*
- *Arundo arundinacea*
- *Elymus striatus*
- *Triticum repens*
- *Lectea thymifolia*
- *Galium microanthum*
- ——— *strictum* Ed:
- *Cornus alba*
- *Phlox betacea*
- *Lonicera parviflora*
- ——— *glabra*
- *Rhamnus franguloides*
- *Vitis riparia*
- *Viola ovata*
- ——— *caucullata*
- *Atriplex arcanaria*
- *Angelica triquinata*
- ——— *atropurpurea*
- *Sium marginatum*
- *Smilacina stellata*
- *Polygonatum canaliculatum*
- *Oenothera parviflora*
- *Dirca palustris*
- *Agrimonia parviflora*
- *Euphorbia depressa*
- *Polygonum depressa*
- *Rosa lucida*
- ——— *gemella*
- ——— *seacoastalis*
- *Rubus strigosus*
- ——— *occidentalis*
- ——— *cuneifolius*
- ——— *obovatis*
- *Potentilla pumila*
- ——— *simplex*
- *Astragalus americanus*
- *Ranunculus flammula*
- ——— *recurvatus*
- *Mentha borealis*
- ——— *tenuis*
- *Galeopsis tetralix*
- *Pycnanthemum lanceolatum*
- *Melanopyrum latifolium*
- *Panicum paleide*
- ——— *gladiata*
- *Thlaspi campestre*
- *Cardamine virginica*
- *Geranium columbinum*
- *Lathyrus stipulaceus*
- *Sonchus oleraceus*
- ——— *arvensis*
- ——— *pallidus*
- ——— *acuminatus*
- *Cnicus lanceolatus*
- ——— *arvensis*
- ——— *pumilus*
- *Eupatorium amoenum*
- ——— *trifoliatum*
- ——— *verticillatum*
- ——— *laevigatum*
- *Artemisia canadensis*
- *Grapholium pennsylvanicum*
- *Erigeron purpureus*
- *Aster cyaneus*
- ——— *macrophyllus*
- ——— *missis*
- *Solidago aspera*
- ——— *altissima*
- ——— *remoralis*
- ——— *laevigata*
- ——— *axillaris*
- ——— *novboracensis*
- ——— *puberula*
- *Mula falcata*
- *Achillea ptarmica*
- *Helianthus altissimus*
- ——— *decapetalus*
- *Orchis tridentata*
- *Cypripedium parviflorum*
- ——— *spectabile*
- *Zostera marina*
- *Chera vulgaris*
- *Lemna dimidiata*
- *Sparganium americanum*
- *Carex subulata*
- ——— *anceps*
- ——— *pseudo-cyperus*
- *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*
- *Amaranthus lividus*
- *Juglans compressa*
- ——— *glabra*
- *Quercus montana*
- *Betula exulsa*
- *Pinus canadensis*
- ——— *nigra*
- ——— *resinosa*
- ——— *strobus*
- ——— *rigida*
- ——— *banksiana*



merely
your



Dr. John Torrey

New York.

mail.

Stephen Elliott
(no rates)
Rec'd Sept 30th 1849.

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GARDEN.

My dear Sir

Received with very great pleasure your favor of the 26th June. It was a great gratification to me to have so good an opportunity of receiving a correspondence always interesting to me and which accident and a procrastinating temper on my part had contributed to interrupt. It is useless now to look back. I wrote but while endeavouring to collect ~~some~~ plants or hoping to receive some which might send you time passed away and I found myself a defaulter without having an excuse for my silence. I have been waiting for some time past for the publication of two new numbers of my work the 9th & 10th (which are now actually printed but not published) to afford me an opportunity of writing - But your letter has relieved me from this difficulty -

You can scarcely imagine how much I am confined & may say imprisoned by ~~various~~ avocations with which I cannot dispense. I sometimes for two or three months together do not go beyond the limits of the city, and the number of Botanists or at least of the lovers of Botany in this country is I fear constantly diminishing. Hence the great difficulty I find in collecting plants to maintain interchanges with my friends, and the mortification to which I am constantly exposed of having ^{nothing} to return to those from whom I have received much - and the necessity under which I have been placed of declining many offers of foreign correspondents that

would have been valuable to me.

I am very glad to find that your Flora of the Northern States is ready for the press. I hope it will be published rapidly as it will then keep alive the attention of the public. Yours however it will meet with but little encouragement in this quarter of the world. I appear here to stand alone and to be devoting much of my time to pursuits in which no one participates, and no one even seems to take an interest. Some perseverance has been necessary to carry me along as far as I have gone. I will however do all that I can to promote your work and feel no doubt from the advantages you have enjoyed that it receives and merits great attention throughout the portion of the United States to which it particularly applies.

I am gratified to learn that you propose to engage in an Agrostographia of North America. This is a subject in which I feel great interest and which I shall promote with real pleasure. Many of the plants you mention I think I shall be able to furnish. Some perhaps are not within my power. Some were collected casually by persons ignorant of Botany, some were discovered by D. Baldwin in the Southern countries of Georgia where there now is no correspondence, and some which I collected myself were found in situations which I have now no opportunity of

visiting. Let me know when you expect to engage seriously in this work and what assistance I can render you shall be afforded.

I send you with this letter the three last numbers of my Sketch that have appeared and two copies of a pamphlet to you one expressed a wish to possess. They fell accidentally into my possession some time ago and have reserved for you. I was for some years without a copy myself.

I hope within a few weeks to send you the 9 & 10th Nos. of my work. The 11th is now printing and I am preparing the manuscript of the 12th. This will complete all that I ~~was~~ engaged to perform, and the cryptogamic plants must await my leisure.

There must have been some mistake respecting Comyn's plants. I received a letter from him a few weeks ago but it was merely to enquire after the later numbers of my work and he neither sent me any plants, nor mentioned any parcel as intended for you. If I receive any you may be assured that they shall be carefully forwarded.

With incense wishes for your success and welfare I am

Yours with great esteem

Steph. Elliott

Charleston 31st July 1823.

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D. John Torrey

Favored by New York.
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