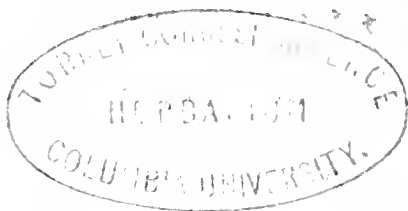


Chelsea June 4th 1859



My dear Sir

I am in receipt of both your letter of Jan^y last, and of the parcel of ferns received from Mr J. G. Baker. I am glad to say I have for some time past been able to work at *Indus Filicum* of which another part is nearly all printed, but I find since the attack on my eyes, I cannot work so continuously at these matters as formerly. I was much pleased with the ferns you were so good as to send me, and beg you will receive my best thanks for them. A sight of some of the new ones was particularly useful, as it is sometimes difficult to make out a description. The Japanese *Polystichum polyblepharum*, is I think identical

with Wallich's *Aspidium setosum*, which
(as Thunberg's goes into *Lathras*) remains
in *Polystichum*. I enclose a piece of
an Indian specimen compared with
Wallich's for your inspection. The recog-
nition of Thunberg's *Polypodium*
lacinum is extremely interesting.

I am always especially glad when
an old plant can be thus satisfac-
torily identified. *Athyrium cyrtopteroides*
is very nearly a *Lathras*, but I believe
you are right. *Dryopteris* (or as I
call it *Plespeltis*) *hastata* includes
Wallich's *Polypodium oxylobum*, which
only differs in being sometimes rather
large with 3 or 4 segments on each
side. The same thing grows in Ceylon.
The *Polypodium* (*Plespeltis*) *ensatum*
was before unknown to me. I
should hope now that Japan has
become more accessible, we may

gradually obtain more materials
from that country.

Are you forming a general Herbarium so that New Holland plants would be acceptable? I have a small set of Throssman's plants from that quarter of the globe, which are quite at your service if you like to have them.

You were good enough to make me the offer of some ferns of Fendler's when you last wrote. I had written some time before to ask him to reserve me a set. As it does not seem likely he will himself do this (as I judge from your note), I shall be very glad to avail myself of your offer. I think I understand that there would be about 230 sp. at ten dollars per 100, and some scanty duplicates into the bargain. You will

will perhaps send them over when
you have an opportunity of
doing so. If anything happened
to be coming to New, that would be
a good opportunity of getting
them over.

There are one or two papers in Pillsbury's
American Journal which I want to have
by me, but I find it very difficult to
get them. Can you assist me? There
I want one Braun on Equisetum, which
I think is in the Jan'y No of 1844; Braun
on Isoetes in that for Jan'y. 1847, &
Kunze's paper on N. American ferns in
I think the 6th vol of the second series.
There may be other papers w^{ch} I do not
know of, and if so to tell me and they are
important I should be greatly obliged
if you could collect them for me.

I am my dear Sir
Yours very truly
J. D. Moore