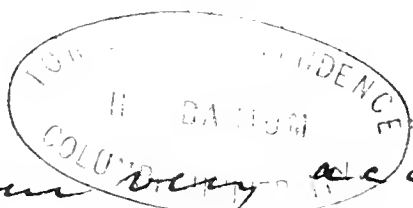


Phila^a Nov. 24. 1917.

My dear Sir,



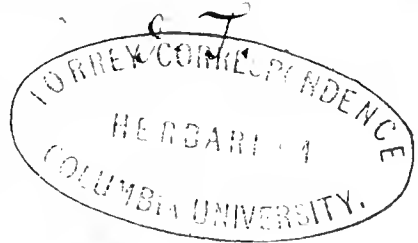
Your very acceptable letter dated a few days ere your departure from Wilmington accompanied by a packet of plants came to me just on the point of setting off for Bucks County, and now just returned. I find a subsequent one from the same place, together with one this day rec^d. from Norfolk dated the 20th inst. You will perceive then that it is not possible for me to enter on any detail of a Botanic nature on the interesting contents of the two former, and even this hasty reply will hardly reach you step in time. I will however say two words in relation to the Scirpus you found at Washington, which I did in compliance with your wish examine and compare with your own description & with specimens of my own considered as *Scirpus autumnalis*, which if not the same, comes very near to *S. mucronatus* Wp. Your plant say the single specimen you sent me fits well your description save that you call the culm terete I find it completely flat, and with my best means on the whole, which may be poor at best, of judging. I am most inclined to consider it as a low perhaps stunted

variety of *S. autumnalis*. But you on the spot among living plants and in possession of many specimens ought to be a better judge in the case. I note what you remark on some copies of Mr. Elliott's work which you expect, in regard to which, I wish you had entered a little more in detail, for tho' your manner and style is generally very clear and comprehensive, on the present occasion I am somewhat at a loss to know what you wish me to do - but Mr. Kinsey will doubtless explain and I certainly shall be ready to comply with any wish of yours in the case - I had a year ago a prospectus of Mr. E. to which I procured a dozen names and could have got more, but was told Mr. E. in his Agent ^{in D.C.} had a was about to have an agent here which prevented me from increasing my list, for the inconvenience and expense in distributing a work coming from a distant place, in numbers at distant periods of time is great - with all my care where 12 names are only come across, the parties are scattered, some delivered, some not, part paid for and one if not two lost or miscounted. The business it seems to me is more especially that of a Bookseller - should

this reach me say particularly what you
would have me do. If the mere sending to
Wilmington the copies forwarded for you to Mr
Kenzie be all, that is nothing, who are the
parties you speak of? I presume they are
Booksellers - It is now 12 at night.
Let the time claim your indulgence for the
hasty manner of the present & crawl -
I accept my thanks again
together with my best wishes
for your health & prosperity.
a dear
L. C.

[Zaccheus Collins]

D Baldwin



183

Dr. Wm Baldwin
of the U. S. Frigate
of the Congress
at Norfolk
Virginia

Received Nov. 29th.
1837. Do. no recd.

36

Philadelphia

April 22, 1879

Dr. Torrey

Dear Sir,

LIBRARY
NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDEN.

Do not in this late offer
of thanks for your letter of Dec. last
refuse them on acct. of my seeming
neglect. In truth, I wanted to go
over the little packet first, in which
I perceived some very small specimens
without protractations. On the Penn^{d.}
mountains last summer I met with
an accident, blinding me for a week,
which since has subjected my eyes
to occasional inflammations, and I
have lately been forbidden to submit
them to any severe test & tell the
present tendency be subdued. Hence
I rest for these 4 months at
tempted critically to behold a minute
thing in natural history. My
sight is now better, & I hope will
be quite as before the injury.

Mr. Rafenique called on me last week
to say you were desirous to know the
locality of the Blue Iron Earth.

The principal one whence the specimens
are obtained I have never visited
but it is on the waters of Crosswicks
creek not far from Allen town

It was there discovered more than
50 years ago, used as a pigment
and a notice of it published in
a magazine of those days.

If you wish to visit the place
many persons in that neighborhood
would put you on a proper direction

I shall have the pleasure
of writing you again, I trust
ere long.

yours respectfully
L. Collins

1
2
3

and
the
e

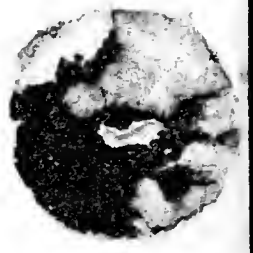
1



Jacques Bonin
April 22nd. 1819.

Dr. John Torrey
New York

Per. G. Le Conte, Esq.



an