

(I wished to say had interposed.)

This brought a response from Leopold, a apology,  
& says he would at once recommend me  
for an increasing salary, & mention all other  
matters. I wrote an indignant response &  
have my salary raised on such terms,  
adding that the <sup>salary</sup> Director could always  
wait - the service of the Garden could  
not - I was sent for at once, & told that  
all I wanted should be forward to the  
Secretary, & that the F.C. would propose advancing  
my salary to £1000 - I said no more about  
£1000 & all the other advances, which  
he has done. - I now await the  
Secretary's answer. Would you believe it - they  
had talked to me in great form only on the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
I am returning <sup>a fortnight also</sup> <sup>2 days ago</sup> <sup>in</sup> the afternoon of the  
1<sup>st</sup> October. The October sales brought down many  
hundreds & I got a grant of £500 to cut down  
more, & clear large spaces for new  
plantations, a very responsible duty, left  
to myself. Then there were to be sent also  
Jacob's plants, left to me by his wife,  
a large Camper Potano, & an extensive  
collection of living plant. This took me



Dear Gray Yours of 1/  
received; I have been  
letter to me for some time  
to speak the case whenever  
you came. It arrived <sup>a fortnight ago</sup> from  
2 days ago <sup>in</sup> the afternoon of the  
1<sup>st</sup> October - cut open  
much before it do  
to stop it: took my ship  
that; boats forward at  
the same night before I  
left very much, as the  
earliest of revolutions,  
when I got much delay  
waited on going to see  
Island & the dismal  
was very lame, & is  
put down by a thro

Expectation said not to be Monmouth, but my weaklings. He has been away from Herds a good deal, though he now drives up & down - he looks a good deal changed. I am trying to get him to go into the country with me - not hopefully. However he is at Lille, but as a proof of his restlessness he will not come over to this house even to call on the Almoners, who are staying a few days with us.. he fears "crossing the Green" - though the weather is summy.

We are all well, though my wife is always complaining of being tired & is longing for the County Home. - The deeds of transfer of land of which an state: the lawyers never. As to building, it must depend on whether my salary is to be raised.

Last November I sent a c. M.  
andis remeble <sup>without what I suppose</sup> wants of the  
Dens whose time to be given  
& for <sup>addit</sup> office to be raised  
had to Herds. A proper  
& Office keeper <sup>appointed for myself</sup> more  
hey for & foreman & I am  
at alr - though I often know  
at last I wrote a strong  
calling his attention to my  
that was both the Select  
of the offices of the  
claimed attention required &  
they would let no excuse  
the same man, & that it was  
whole constituents of the  
I take no answer of my  
to the Treasury, who advance  
a categorical demand &  
informs whether a rent  
over to be sent to the Treasury  
an answer that the sub  
particulars for a general <sup>most years</sup>  
whole Office of Works to  
a categorical answer to

P.S. Oliver wants to know  
whether we should order the  
Custos - I suppose not & that  
we can get much work done  
through your good offices.

The 5<sup>th</sup> set of Certifs not yet  
received, we have paid for all  
previews I believe.

Off to Wimbleton - & we  
dinner my three  
sons so we  
walked between Rock &  
the Treasury Barn & Gov-  
ernor of Guards Walk &  
Guard's Walk, between it &  
House. - It was recently c-  
loured 3-4 feet deep with  
& blocks of stone, roots  
along it. In the debris  
been going through the P.  
transplanting & rearing  
in the Barbican our be-  
Madagascar plant, & C.  
All right now in  
large boxes. Now  
I will before you  
need hardly say that  
work on hand has been  
on & H. will not be  
I have taken up Pro-



Hooker, Joseph Dalton. 1882. "Hooker, Joseph D. Mar. 4, 1882." *Joseph Dalton Hooker letters to Asa Gray, 1873-1890*

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