

Page 2) may have Nos in the meantime.
I take the liberty to address you
as an old friend as I am quite
familiar with your own and
Mrs Gray's names. - Your own
from your works, & Mrs Gray's
from the notice of her by the
late Dr. Harvey as an Algaeologist.

If you have a copy of *Thwaites*,
Enumeration of the Plants of Ceylon,
you will see my name mentioned
in the introduction. - I went to
Ceylon in 1839, & lived in Jaffna
in the Northern end of it from
early in 1843 to 1847, amongst
the American Missionaries,
most of whom I am sorry to
say are now dead. I need not
say that I was on most friendly
terms with them all, & have con-
tinued to be so with those who
are still alive. Several of them
are from your State & I shall
mention their names in case

Sea Gray, Esq. Mr.
Cav
Mass

S.S. Lutter
headed
2nd Mr

My dear Sir,

I had
of sending you a set
of my Ceylon Algae
in Scotland, about
ago, & hope our way
twice sending you
until they are all
I can make them
to collect the Ceylon
1868, & Dr. Dickie
is working them.

The Red & Olive
ones are ready for
& until the last
named I have a

Page 3. You may know them. —
Dr & Mrs Ward & family, the Doctor
is dead, Mr & Mrs Wittlesey, both
dead (Mr W. was a nephew of
"Peter Parley"). — Mr & Mrs Settop
both dead, Mr & Mrs Smith &
family, Mrs Smith dead, — Mr
& Mrs Howland, Mr. Briggs,
dead, — Miss Agnew now I hope
still well in England, — Dr & Mrs
Greene lately gone home, — Mr
& Mrs Hastings, Dr Scudder
& his sons Henry & William
& their wives, & some others
of the family, but I am not
certain what states they all
belong to, but several were
from Massachusetts & Boston.

If you come across any of
them remember we most affec-
tionately to them. — They are
sure to recollect me. — The
only thing of importance in

P. 4. the Botanical
published is an a
Palmyra Palm (B
formis) in 1850;
not a copy to off
but if you meet
Jaffra finds they
to send you a cop
to see it. — I have
the Terns & Nept
in addition to the
plants & Algae
corresponded in
the subject of an
that I believe my
George Wall of
done so. — He ha
our Terns also. —
You that my Key
sistent to upwa
nos & that I sh
send you them
I am ~~not~~ more in

Dr Hooker, but he is so fearfully
slow a worker, that I am now
sorry I did not send them to
Agardh as a person who
works well & quickly. - I do
not know when Dr. Dickie
will work out my Green
Stages if ever he does. -

We expect to be at Port Said
to-morrow, & if there ~~of~~ is
sunshine weather I hope to have
a packet made up for you
before I get to Ceylon. -

I may mention that Dr Hooker
has named a genus of the
Coffee family after me, of
which honor I am very proud.

With best regards

Believe me
very truly yours

Wm. Ferguson,
J. L. S.

P.S.) to Ceylon, where
part of my collection
shall be very glad
you. - My address
Mr. Ferguson, Col.
or this Mrs. Mr. Ferguson
Scotland, this will be
likely go. - I have
extensively for our
a very expensive
this to be. - If you
in for these I may
able to assist you
mens. - I am far
Cope's name as an
Herpetologist, but
he hails from. If
him he may be glad
that Aspidura to
true Ceylon Reptile
seen several since
named the solitary



Ferguson, William. 1876. "Ferguson, William Mar. 2, 1876." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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