

in the northamerican review or in Sillimans Journal, I would be exceedingly gratified. I must tell you, my dear friend, that you have won in the last time my high admiration for the uncommon talent, which you proof in the developement of practical ideas in a popular style, and I think, that some speculation of yours upon Palmae, give be occasion of such a review, would turn in my own profit for the last number, in which I must give the general picture of geographical distribution of Palmae and also something about their general destiny in the grand economy of nature. I have read once and twice your most spirited paper on the chemistry of vegetation, and, as I yet once did, I must repeat my high encomium for this masterpiece. As soon, as I have seen Johnstons Lectures (of which I requested from your kindness the New York edition, the Edinburgh one being out of sale) I shall give an extract of your paper in one of our literary papers.

But there is also another object, which I must claim from your friendship: a critical review on the northamerican Palmae and their geographical distribution. I am totally incapable of determining these plants, as you have seen from my treating Sabal and Copernicia and Thrinax so aphoristically. Therefore I beg you, to communicate me your knowledge.

For your directives allow me, to put here such species as I believe that they could come into your consideration, as growing in one or the other part of Northamerica (Texas included).

? Copernicia hospita Mart. Cubae campi montani (in parte australi inf.)

" maritima Mart. Corypha Hb. Cubae austr. littora.

" Micraspina Mart. Cor. Hb. Cubae maritima (an Thrinax?)

Quae forsitan una alterave harum specierum nomine Coryphae umbrauliferae in insulis antillis aut in Florida ab auctoribus accipitur?



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