

Alexandria, Sept 27th 1849

My dear Sir,

I left a parcel, in the hands of Prof. Baird, containing two or three *Crataegi*, & some other plants, to be sent to you. I am ashamed of the specimens of *Crataegus*, but the extraordinary drought has affected them so much, that it is almost impossible to obtain perfect fruit. I find it the same also here. We have the four species, *C. coccinea*, *tomantosa*, *punctata*, *aur-galli*, in abundance, & the fruit, in ordinary seasons, would be ripe now, but everywhere are seen instead only miserable abortions.

After great exertion I had procured the fr. of *Prunus Americana* & brought it as far as Carlisle, where I heard from Prof Baird that you were already supplied. I hope the same thing has happened with the *Crataegi*.

I have collected but few plants, during my present visit to Huntingdon by. My time has been spent in catching fish & reptiles, in which I have been quite successful. I have attended, however,

to the *Conioselinum Canadense*, I can spare you a few specimens
if you wish them. I found too a single *Quercus illicifolia*, & suppose
this to be its furthest eastern limit, at least in Pennsylvania.

I thank you for your kind invitation to visit you in Cambridge,
& would have done so, but have been prevented by the serious illness
of a friend.

With great respect, I am yrs truly

Thos. C. Porter.



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