

Department of Agriculture,

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Prof Asa Gray

My dear Sir

Yours of the 14th inst. has been recd.

It seems a great pity that Gen Munro could not have lived long enough to finish his work. I hoped to have his determinations to the package I sent him, but it is mostly untouched.)

As to the grasses of Wilkes Ex., one package of the grasses of the Sandwich Islands was returned by you more than a year ago, and I suppose most of those of Cal. & Oregon have been described by Dr. Thurber, in Bot. Wilkes vol 17.

I would be very glad indeed to work up the grasses returned to you if I had the ability and proper facilities. I have been anxious for years to be able to know thoroughly all the N. American grasses, but have greatly needed authentic named specimens especially from the Mexican border & Pacific Coast. We have now a set of ^{the} Mexican grasses collected by Bourgeau, but they are mostly unnamed. We have probably most of those collected by C Wright in N. Mex. but none



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