

Davenport Iowa
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My Dear Mr. Gray

Yours of 4th
to hand. Sorry any unnecessary
feeling should be got up over
such a nice bone.

The whole matter seems to
turn on a single point. Is
there a S. Parryi? I do not
know of any. If I had I should
have been the first to object
to the x. a. as entering out of
the question. Knowing Lemmon
as I think I do I fear he
will not take kindly to the
change you propose. I have been
aware of a jealousy which I have
tried to soften down, in which
I think Lemmon is more to blame
than Palmer. Which perhaps natural
if not altogether excusable

I still think if your reasons hold
good, that you should stick to Palmeri.
The history of the matter is simply this
Early in May. Lemmon myself &
one other companion, made a trip
to the head of the Mojave, in reaching
the desert plain we encountered a
number of interesting things. and our
time being short were on the Kern
jump to secure what we could.
I saw plenty of the filix, but took it
for a var of J. dianthifolia & did not
gather a single specimen. Lemmon sharper
eyes noticed the difference and when he
called my attention to it I saw at once
that it was distinct and if not J. demissa
probably new. On this Lemmon suggested the
name, and as I supposed sent you specimens
at the time, as he did to other parties under
that provisional name I will try & explain
to L. but beyond that would prefer to let the
matter drop certainly safe in your hands
yours C.C. Parry



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