

Near Louisville, Ky. March 31st 1853.

My dear Sir—

You will see that I am "not slow" to avail myself of your inconsiderate offer to forward any parcels to Europe which I might send you; and herewith you will get a receipt from Adams & Co's Express agent for a box which was placed in his hands yesterday. It contains ^Ione parcels of plank for D.^r Daubeny—2.^o One for D.^r Alexander—3.^o one for M.^r John Carey—4.^o one for D.^r Sartwell, and 5.^o one for yourself!—The three former I must beg the favour of you to forward in such manner as you deem best—that for D.^r Sartwell he desires me to send to D.^r Toney, but I thought it best to enclose it in the box, and ask the favour of you to return it to New-York. The small parcel for yourself I am almost ashamed to send you, as it contains so little worth your acceptance, but as there are somethings in it which are unknown to me, I was influenced by selfish considerations in troubling you with them. — I have paid, as you perceive, the freight on this box to Cambridge; but other incidental charges will attend their shipment &c. which I am ignorant of, and which I beg the favour of you to apprise me of. If you do not I will not trouble you in this way again.

I intended to enclose in the box letters to D.^r Daubeny & Alexander and M.^r Carey, but in the hurry of sending it off I had not time to write them, and so must enclose them

to you by mail, in a day or two. If it be practicable
I should like to prepay the freight on these parcels to London,
so that the recipients may not be put to greater charge than
the things perhaps are worth; but in this I must beg you to
be as you think best. The parcel for Mr. Carey is not so spe-
cifically directed as I could have wished, but as I know not
his address I must here also call in your kindness to my
aid.

How do you come on with the Berlioz Collection?
— I am afraid you have paid dearly for the trouble in this
undertaking. Nothing would prove more annoying to me than
miserably poor specimens of interesting things. I beg that you
will make yourself perfectly easy as to any part of them
which you may have intended for me. When entirely con-
venient you may send them by express, directed to the care of
"Morton & Griswold, Booksellers, Louisville, Ky."

I do not remember whether I have written to you
since the receipt of your favour of the 5th Feb. Although I
have not the pleasure of knowing Prof. Henry personally, I
agree with you entirely in all you say about him. What others,
in the Bachmovers appreciate his worth, you will see by the
Newspaper Slip I send you, which appeared in our leading paper
about the time of the trouble in Washington.

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am your friend and obliged

Sent^d C. C. Whitworth

Prof. Gray.



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