

Berkeley, Feb. 28. 1887

Dear Dr. Gray.-

In reply to your  
note of the 20th:

Yes, I hold it quite  
safe to publish such a Trifolium  
on one specimen. I will lend it  
to you if you want to take up  
the subject; then you can judge.  
But, it is too late to "advise" about  
that. If, however, you are kindly  
disposed to advise I will listen  
attentively to you, concerning a  
point - whereon it is not too late.  
And the query is this: Why you  
did not, in treating those  
Eritricheae, so much as mention  
Lehmann's generic name  
Cryptanthus? I have always  
wondered if it was from lack of  
S. Am. specimens to prove its

"Why Pittoria?" Well, that is a hard question, although I was half expecting it from you. I can not answer. It is an easy name to speak and to abbreviate, and that is enough. These Bosc. are Acad's. Buck. Cal. Acad's, and all that, are cumbersome!

Then again: I believe in the "dark ages", and always ~~have~~ <sup>did</sup>; and not, as you are, with chopped <sup>and</sup> round revolutionists like Luther and Genevieve; have a sympathy for Garmagol, Darwin etc. etc.; and <sup>that is about</sup> ~~that~~ my stock of poor names for Pittoria.

E. L. G.

identity with Krymityria; or whether you wished to have it an "obscure name" [as you have somewhere written], notwithstanding its eight or nine years of priority over Krymityria.

Now I am confiding in you, as I like to, and beg for a season; meanwhile withholding from my printer a considerable lot of manuscript on these plants.

I planted, ten days ago, some seeds of a new Calais from Santa Cruz Island, and they germinated so promptly that I send you some. You will find, when they are not broken off, a supplementary bristle or awn, on each side of the main one, and almost no notch to the pake.

Yours sincerely  
Edw. L. Greene.





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