

plants, and altered the
name of the *Astragalus* as de-
sired. They were to go to
Dr. Torrey but much to be put
in the hands of Preside

It seems that the botanical
Report has to wait for Gov-
Stevens' decision as to publishing
a second volume which was
to contain a monograph of the
expedition & the scientific Repts.

If he does not send in the
monograph they will be appen-
ded to one of the other volumes.

There is a prospect that they may
get out this year

Very Respectfully

Prof Gray }
Cambridge } J. G. Cooper

No.

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. Feb 21st 1857

Prof Gray Dear Sir

When I last wrote to you from
Hoboken I was somewhat in
expectation of going out with the
N. W. Boundary Survey, but as I
have since mentioned in a letter
from here, Dr. C. B. Kennedy has
got the place, and is to leave for
the western coast on the steamer
of home now from New York
I now write to say that I shall
probably leave during the coming
month with the party which is
to make the Vagen Road to Cal-
ifornia via South Cape and the 42°

If you have any special instructions to give as to botanical collection on that route, I shall be glad to have them —

I intend however to make my botanical as full as possible, after we reach the South Pass where the work of our party is to commence. We will probably spend three months between there and the 114th lat. which will of course give a splendid chance for the collection in the mountains.

I sent you lately a package of plants by mail which I hope reached you safely, and shall be glad to hear from you concerning them at your leisure —

I have found the drawings of



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