

My Dear Sir,

I have this morning  
your favor of yesterday.

I had not thought it necessary to  
report to you <sup>formally</sup> the <sup>engagement</sup> ~~engagement~~ of Dr.  
Robinson ~~for an~~ in the Herbarium  
of which I had myself spoken to you,  
inasmuch as it is for the present only  
conditional. I have engaged him for  
one year, commencing with the 1<sup>st</sup> of May,  
and am to pay him at the rate of  
\$800 per year. This will come from  
the ordinary income of the Herbarium.  
<sup>or be provided for in its expenses</sup>  
Should he prove to be the man that  
I want as an assistant I would  
have advised at the end of the year  
to appoint him as act.  
curator with a salary of at least  
\$1200. He is a graduate of Harvard  
University, of the class of 1867, and  
has spent ~~the~~ his time since  
in Germany in botanical study. He  
has written some creditable papers  
upon his investigations and has gained



the degree of Ph.D. at ~~Harvard~~ <sup>Harvard</sup>. He was  
mentioned to me by Prof Farrow and  
after correspondence with him I deemed  
it prudent to make <sup>with</sup> him the engage-  
ments that I have. He has taken hold  
of his work most intelligently and  
energetically and <sup>thoroughly</sup> satisfactorily, and  
~~and should have seen it best to consult~~  
~~him as my assistant in the Herbarium~~  
~~and my only trouble was my disagreement with~~  
~~him that the best way to do it~~  
I have not disposition to dispute.  
You will understand that my action has  
at all. I told her I would send a  
specimen to you for verification and  
traditions of the Herbarium. I was  
myself three years before my  
position was recognized in the Catalogue  
and no action was taken by the College  
respecting any salary until two years ago.  
I understand that through the libe-  
rality of members of the Visiting Com.  
the sum of \$3500 per year for 5 years  
is guaranteed to the Herbarium in addition  
to its present 3000 ~~year~~ income - which amount  
will probably be raised to 4,000, giving a total  
of \$7,000 or probably more. This was done  
upon a statement from me of which I



Thought ought to be done on the Herbarium and authorizes me, as I understood it, to carry out as far as I can ~~the~~ what I then proposed. This involves the engagement of an <sup>efficient</sup> librarian by whom even the library shall be made what it ought to be, the utilization of our extensive & valuable <sup>more</sup> ~~most~~ collection, and the expenditure of more money in securing additions both to the Herbarium & library. ~~but~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~aboutly~~ I hope to bring this all about in good time, and by the end of the five years to show so good results ~~from the expenditure of the money~~ that the effort to raise <sup>along</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>if not already secured</sup> permanent funds, will be ~~abundantly~~ justified.

It has been suggested to me that my own salary ought to be and would be increased. In ~~reference~~ to this allow me to say that the ~~curatorship~~ <sup>where</sup> of the Herbarium, ~~and~~ <sup>where</sup> is has become the inclination that it ~~ought to be~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~should~~ in my opinion <sup>carry with it a salary of</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>now</sup> not less than \$3,000. I do not ask or expect this for myself, <sup>if my</sup> ~~salary were raised to \$2,000 I should be satisfied, and it~~ as in recognition of the rank and importance of the position. ~~it were made more~~ <sup>if my</sup> ~~I would~~ <sup>salary were raised to \$2,000 I should be satisfied, and it</sup> ~~as in recognition of the rank and importance~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~position.~~ <sup>contribute</sup> ~~it were made more~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~I would~~ <sup>contribute</sup> ~~willingly, in consideration of the present needs~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~of the Herbarium,~~ <sup>contribute</sup> ~~contribute~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~annually~~ <sup>annually</sup> ~~all~~



over their amount to the income of the

I remain  
Yours very truly  
Youngstown, O.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1840

Wm. Watson

Prof Watson

My dear Sir.

Will you kindly tell  
me if the grass I send you by mail today  
is not *Glyceria elongata*. I cannot  
make it go any other place than  
*Glyceria*. It has many characteristics  
of that Genus - even the ready breaking  
of the spikelet, between the flowers - and  
yet it has three stamens - and the  
branches are not appressed, partic-  
ularly, and it found it on high  
ground - I wish to ask if *Acer*  
*Pennsylvanicum*, should not be described  
as having light-green bark with light  
lines - instead of dark ones - at least  
those I find are a light-gray - lighter  
than the bark. Also, I found here  
yesterday, *Graphalium purpureum*, though  
the manual says "Coast of Maine to Va  
& southward". However I did not find that  
the florets were at all yellowish, as is  
described by Wood - and Torrey - but the  
tip of each floret was prettily bordered with  
purple - as well as the inner scales being  
purplish.

Yours truly - R. H. Ingraham



Watson, Sereno. 1838. "Watson, Sereno undated [to C. W. Eliot]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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