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Dr. Josiah Hale

Hale J.
Alexandria, Louisiana.

Bluelick Springs Ky., July 11. 1842.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 19th Feby was received, in due course of mail, the present sheet from the flora was also duly received. For the herbarium contained it contains, as well as a smaller one, in the former No^o, you have my thanks, I regret that I had no good specimens of *Nolana Ludoviciana* on hand at the time of putting up the last parcel, and my absence from home will prevent me from collecting any the present season, it grows in the sandy soil, of this neighborhood, in considerable quantity.

In May '41 I put up I directed to Dr. Torrey a box of Specimens unaccompanying, I believe, by any letter & as he does not mention it in his last, I fear it has been lost a thing I shouldn't regret, as it contained some Specimens that I cannot at present replace among them I received some in flowers I perhaps found of *Luzania fluctans*, which he was anxious to obtain.

On leaving home I put up a large box of Specimens, principally for you individual use, as the most of them had been sent to Dr. Torrey, on former occasions - under the impression, which I still presume was correct, that they were for your protection.

The box, I saw, on board the ship *Pelissippi* at N-Orleans, to sail about the 15th ult, after I presume will reach you before this sheet along with the box, in question, was shipped to you care, a smaller one, for the Rev. Mr. Curtis of N-Carolina, which you will answer the favor to forward to him, at Raleigh N-C. Your box was inadvertently marked to D^r A. Gray.

The health of my family requiring me to visit the Springs, the present season, I shall do but little at collecting, I have but little hope of finding anything new, or particularly interesting, in this region, it having been so effectually explored by others - indeed there appears to be but little variety in the vegetation, a few plants appear to have originally possessed the soil and by those long-continued growths, to have occupied it, to the exclusion of all others.

My absence soon hence has also prevented me from attempting any new arrangement, by which to obtain the members of the "Flora" as publishers. You have now subscribers on St. Louis, besides myself, Dr. Capen and Mr. Callan, a Librarian & Geog. C. in Natchez - Doctor Carpenter has accepted the appointment of Prof. of Matrona Medicina, in the College of La. with, after November next reside in N. Orleans.

Still hope Prof. Wiley & Putnam will make some arrangement with some of the Booksellers, in New Orleans through which we may obtain the Flora at an early day, after publication - as there are Ships sailing almost every day, from N. York to N. Orleans. Such an arrangement would be desirable in other respects - I wish to obtain a number of Recs. No these Gentlemen have a doctorate or have published, I am anxious to get a copy of your elementary work, & several for young persons - also Coddington's Ge. Botant. & to become a subscriber to the N. Y. Journal of Botany - Dr. Peckham from the 1st vol. inclusive - Dr. Torrey's Botan. when finished as well as others just now collected, Miss Capen & Callan will doubtless take a number of Scholastic books, as well as subscribe to some journal.

Mr. Norman Stile Cov., N. Y.

I understand Professor Sonny has now come on to Pocahontas, for the present season, and as I may not visit him for some time you will do me the favor to communicate any thing in this letter, in which he may be interested. Please say to him that I have not seen the Catalogue of N. York Plants I would be obliged to him for a copy, - by mail. - I am but sure that I know, to what particular plants the blank, in his last letter refers, but suppose it may be this prove to be a Marcella - *M. quadrifolia* - a Specimen with a single capsule, you will find in the box last sent.

Since leaving home I have found this interesting little plant growing on the bank of the Mississippi just below the mouth of the Red River, but without fruit.

Please now direct your attention to a specimen, hardly preserved, of what I have supposed to be a new Species of *Cotyledon*, collected by Mr. Cable of Natchez - in a black calcareous soil near the Hot Springs Arkansas - in Sept. last.

I have not had more than a glance at the last no. of the Flora, except the Sheet you sent me, but from what I see, am opinion, that to win the language of an educated commentator, it nobly sustains the character of the work.

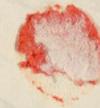
A specimen of *Linn. Bals.* is from a tree, growing with many others, 25 miles N. east of Alvarado, on the border of Tealhouse Lake, a sheet of water 15 miles long by about 3 in breadth - a natural pond from July to December. Measures two trees, which were 16 feet in circumference, 4 feet from the ground, intersecting above the projection of the roots, and several others 12 feet in circumference - handspan being apparently 50 ft. high. Prof. G. W. Ballou

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