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Dr. Josiah Hale

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Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Bluelick Springs Ky, July 11. 1842.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 19th Feb'y was received, in due course of mail, the printed sheet from the Flora was also duly received. For the handsome compliment it contained, as well as a smaller one, in the former No, you have my thanks, I regret that I had no good specimens of *Halenia 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 hill, of this neighborhood, in considerable quantities.

In May '41 I put up & directed to Dr Torrey a box of specimens unaccompanied, I believe, by any letter & as he does not mention it in his list, I fear it has been lost a thing I should regret, as it contained some specimens that I cannot at present replace among them I recollect some, in flower & perhaps fruit, of *Lesqueris fluctans*, which he was anxious to obtain.

On leaving home I put up a large box of specimens, principally for your 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 joint use.

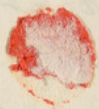
The box, I saw, on board the ship Mississippi at N Orleans, to sail about the 15th ult, and I presume will reach you by or this sheet along with the box, in question, was shipped to your care, a smaller one, for the Rev. Mr. Curtis of N-Carolina, which you will advise the firm to forward to him, at Raleigh N-C. Your box was inadvertently marked to Dr. A. Gray.

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Doctor-Ann Gray.

New-York.

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