


Oliver is away on his holiday and
will be back in a fortnight or there abouts

25, WILTON PLACE.
S.W.

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My dear Gray

Just received yours of the 15th
The Composite from Guadelupe
island is to my mind unmistakably
Asteroides homodromus The style is
precisely that of several Bigeloviae
and Solidages the plant is indeed
very near the latter genus - I find
generally 1 or 2 ♀ ligulate flowers in
each head  - It looks at first sight
wonderfully like some European
Inulas but the anthers & style are
quite different.

I shall look at the Boraginaceae
genus when I finally revise the order
for prep come two or three weeks hence

I am now at Pignoniacum and have
met with another good lot of Griseb's
his *Secoma retubera* of which he ingeniously
describes the inflated calyx as enclosing
a woody fruit is identical with the
Cordia leucocarpa. We have not
his ~~*Secoma*~~ ^{*Cordia*} ~~*leucocarpa*~~ ^{*peruviana*} - our n. 3037 of
Wright is evidently his ^{*Secoma*} *bibracteolata*
~~but here may be a clerical mistake~~
~~a very distinct species~~
~~He may have come to the conclusion~~
~~that this *S. bibracteolata* is the same as~~
~~*S. leucocarpa* DC. (and in this he may be~~
~~right) and imperfectly excoriated them~~
~~in his coll.~~

I cannot agree with Mier Bureau
etc in the exclusive division of *Pignonia*
into genera founded mostly on the
examination of one species with a
quest of others - but keep *Pignonia* large
divisible probably into a few good

sections when the fruits become
better known - I think *Secoma*
and *Pabeberia* too distinct in habit
to be united but I cannot break up
Secoma (*Euterocoma* Griseb.) into a
number of monotypic genera - but
I have still some work before I have
done with it

Yours ever truly

George Benthams



Bentham, George. 1875. "Bentham, George July 26, 1875." *George Bentham letters to Asa Gray*

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