

25, WILTON PLACE.

S.W.

June 19th/70

My dear Gray

Since I wrote to you we have purchased Nuttall's *Sylva* at Rees which puzzles me more what to do about the Californian laurel he describes twice over first as *Umbellularia* Stev which he has not seen but is very faintly characterized next as *Drimyphleum* sp. n. in which he apparently says that the authors are all incorrect and that there is no involucrum thus destroying the peculiar character of the genus. This figure however represents the involucrum. We have therefore for the genus (which

I think we must adopt) take either
Umbellularia Nees although Nees only
proposed it as a section not as a genus
or Doronixanthum Nutt who gave it a
false character retaining Umbellularia
at the same time as a genus. Which
should it be? Rather than Umbellularia
more according to rule

Yours very truly
George Bentham

I gave your copy of the Adans VII to
Oliver he has made up a small box
there has been some hitch and
delay in sending it off but I believe
it is now gone to Liverpool



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