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My dear Gray

As I have pretty well finished the
orders I undertook for the new part of
Gen. P. and Boole has still the Balanophora
and Gymnoperma to do I have taken in
hand the Polypores which he had intended
to work up. In the Eriogonae I must
pretty well follow you and Watson but
write now to ask you whether you really
concur in merging *Centrologia* in *Chrysanthus*
for it appears to me to spirit the character
as well as the name of the latter genus in
which the involucre is constantly and freely
uniflorous and unless you insist on the
consolidation I should like to keep *Centrologia*
distinct. Pray answer as soon as convenient.
as we hope now to begin printing

Next is *Blotteria* published? Harpner
to me to go with *Nema caulis* and *Laetaria*

into a little group of *Erodium* without
any gamophyllous involucres but detached
bracts perhaps connected with a pair of
lateral bractlets or stipules (such as form
the 3-ped bracts under the foot of the
inflorescence of *Erodium*), or all passing
into leaves. In *Hottentotia* the bracts
on both sides, as well as the perianth, are
densely woolly, in *Chamaecaulis* the bracts
on the inner side densely woolly outside
glabrous, and the perianth glabrous.
In *Saxifraga* the bracts or floral leaves
and perianth have only a few woolly
hairs on the margins or inner surface.

I was rejoicing in the weight
for the boot post in the postal union
being extended from 2 to 4 lbs when
I came upon a clause which renders
it negative for the United States. To go
by post the boot must be 20 years old
or under a dollar value. This would

entirely preclude the sending by post a
part of our genera or even of the
bones - I should be glad to know
if it be so really

Yours very truly
George Bentham



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